

NWCG Interagency Fire Planning Committee
11/08/2022 1100-1230 (Mountain Standard Time)
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Invitee

IFPC Primary Members

Melissa Forder (NPS) – Chair
Justin Boeck (BLM) - Vice Chair
Peter Butteri (FWS, AK)
Andrew Baily (FWS)
Laura Barrett (FS)
Reeve Armstrong (BIA)
~~Nate Barrons (State, NV)~~
Mike Butteri (State, AK)

NWCG Coordinator
~~Katy O'Hara (NWCG)~~
Liaison
~~Wesley Hall (RD&A)~~
Laura Harger (BOR)
Alternate Member
~~Gwenan Poirier (BLM)~~

Resource Advisor Subcommittee

Linn Gassaway (FS) READ SC Chair
~~Tim Kramer (BLM) READ SC Vice Chair~~

Associate Member
Kristy Swartz (OWF)

Agenda Items

1. READ SC - Linn Gassaway and Tim Kramer

- Positions standards committee looked at packages for the four positions and provided comments.
- Looking to get a meeting to get details on how to submit classes wanted to get NWCG certified.
- READ (non-fireline positions) not requiring RT130 (maybe require S110 instead)
- REAC discussion about L380/381, maybe adding a couple courses.
- Comment to have a good commo plan to go along with these.
- How to get them into PMS 310-1 since next deadline (December) won't be possible. How often is it updated and what is the other deadline?
- Should the next step be: Make corrections and send back through IFPC to positions committee? *MF- Yes. Address their comments and they will send it back up.*

2. Update on FEMS – Laura Barrett

- Release scheduled for Dec 2022 (Climatology)
- Scheduled releases in 2023 (Business requirements being built out for future releases)
- March release will have an interactive map for permanent RAWS data. (mostly just a display for now)
- Natl Fuel Moisture Database (~May 2023) will be in FEMS. (FEMS team will work to get users access and training).
- Login through e-Auth/iNAP (users approved by GACC Pred. Serv.)
- NFMD will be migrated to FEMS.
- Multiple sampling data types available for data entry (fuel moisture, fuel loading, etc)
- December 2023 release: user interface will be within FEMS. (*Transition from WIMS to FEMS will begin Jan 2024- will last up to a year.*)
- Communication plan- monthly newsletters
- Rollout plan for each phase for (Communications, Trainings, Help Desk Support, and Key Stakeholder Transition).
- FDSC:
 - How much DOI involvement was in FEMS development? New DOI business lead to work with FEMS governance group. Will reach out to DOI reps.
 - Detailer in FA600- was asked to participate on the design team for BLM. **NPS and FWS reps needed as well.*
 - Who is the cross over between FDSC and FEMS? *JB- We didn't feel like we had the representation we were wanting (New DOI business lead would be the new crossover).*
 - **New DOI rep (Ronald "Scott" Bradshaw Ronald.bradshaw@bia.gov)**

3. Fire Planner/Analyst Training Program – Laura Barrett

- Talked with workforce dev.: working on Fuels Academy Program.
- Cross between fuels and fire planners/analysts.
- Working through training guide with use of Enterprise group.
- Training Guide:
 - Position Competencies (primarily looked at KSAs)
 - IDP
 - Career Guide
 - Personal Career Tracking Record
- Can cross for developing fire planner/analyst positions.
- Competencies tied to which trainings would be relevant for each level in a table. (Can adopt to fire planning/analyst).
- When fire planner/analyst group has more time to dig into this, Laura will provide updates based on feedback.
- AB- Would like to see this once it has been gone through and refined a bit more to look at how DOI can tie this into their programs. MF- Interested as well to help guide next gen of fire planners.

4. POD Data Standards

- NWCG Data standard NOT to include strategic direction (Can be added through user).
- Current direction in WFDSS still needs cleaned up.
- BLM fire planning committee small working group- pulling FS guidance on use of PODs and include standards. Looking at NIFC open data source for data maintenance.

5. Glossary Terms

- Responded back on Mitigation Actions proposed changes NWCG WUIMC with question on incorporate of post fire.
- [NWCG Glossary of Wildland Fire, PMS 205 Editor \(doi.gov\)](#)
- Asked Gabriella on status of Unprotected Lands – still in development
- Sent out latest list of Glossary Terms -Lots of options in EDG for selecting. Can we add “recently updated” for a query? IFPC doesn’t have ownership of any of the updated terms.
- WUIMC proposed “quantitative risk assessment” for archiving. Term has evolved, so might need updating vs. archiving. **Commenting from the committee holds weight vs. individual comments on proposed action.* They are now using Quantitation Wildfire Risk Assessment (QWRA).
 - IFPC task group – email Missy if you would like to be on the term group.

6. IFPC Chair Transition in January

7. Monthly Updates

- ❖ WFDSS Next Gen
- ❖ INFORM - Laura Barrett
 - Trying by end of year to get WFMI and FireStat records on Inform Inspector (currently on the training site). Will have FODR info on how it crossed over.
 - Next version release should allow you to view historic features. Working on viewing certified records.
- ❖ FDSC – Justin Boeck
 - Trying to get memo through executive board on the operational phase of NFDRSv4 to give direction to the field. Memo re-submitted, won’t be out in time for Red Book edits. BLM perspective: we will take guidance from NWCG and put it into BLM IM so it’s policy when NFDRSv4 is implemented. MF- *what is main point of memo?* JB- *Ownership management responsibilities for adopting new models. Putting together standards for Seasonal Trend Analysis development. Adding disclaimers regarding legacy fuel model use.*
- ❖ Training- Kristy Swartz

- DOI has provided funding for training program. Agreed to fund Wildland Fire Learning Portal to add support for additional trainings.

5. Round Robin

1. **BIA:** Working all over the board to stay ahead of next fire season.
2. **BLM:** Rebecca detailing to help with FEMS, updating fire planning handbook manual, and fire reporting statistics manual.
3. **BOR:** BOR has an approved (non-voting) seat at IFEC and is pursuing a risk assessment. It will be based on our assets (Project facilities).
4. **FWS:** Have gotten fire planners together for collaborative meeting. Working on in-person meeting in spring. Interest in FMPs (When to move to spatial vs. not, national template). Working on NFRDS. Talked with NASA on how to explain to outside of agency groups where data gaps can be filled from the fire management (prescribed burning) side (Organizational needs assessments).
5. **Forest Service:**
6. **NPS:** Big FMP review for Parks and NEPA docs. Have corrective action plan. Looking at different values and planning language from the planning side for assessing risk. Hiring packages for many planners at unit and regional level. Looking to have an in-person meeting in the spring.
7. **States:** Working on Southern Dispatch Consolidation and Master Agreement/AOP for 2023.
8. **OWF:** JFSP familiarity poll. Can JFSP be brought in to work collaboratively on something?

Next Meeting & Upcoming Calls

Next IFPC Meeting – December 13th, 2022 – 1100 MT