



National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)

Interagency Fire Planning Committee November 16, 2023, TEAMS Call

Present:

Reeve Armstrong, Bureau of Indian Affairs - Chair
Andrew Bailey, Fish and Wildland Service – Vice Chair
Melissa Forder, National Park Service – Primary Member
Laura Barrett, Forest Service - Primary Member
Tamara Randall, Bureau of Indian Affairs – Note Taker

PODS discussion – Laura Barrett suggested we wait for discussion until more of the team is available. Reeve seconded.

Round Robin:

Presenter's Name: Reeve Armstrong

Still working with the GPR to finish the Spatial Map.

End of Report

Presenter's Name: Andrew Bailey

They have their first Fire Planner face-to-face meeting and are chartered under their Leadership Team. They are self-tasking until the coordinators send them in specific direction. After they completed the template, they started to review their policy document. At the request of the planners, they started a broad sense on paper within Chapter 4 of the Red Book. It should be noted that things will be cleaned up. In the face-to-face, they went to through the Fire Planning Chapter and will share once this is complete. Wildfire response plan wasn't clear, so they have taken steps for this to meet the same requirements for those that are not doing any fuels management, etc. We can't have small units that don't have FMP, so the Wildfire response plan will mitigate. The next meeting, they will build a framework that ties together the policy pieces, the data sets, fire planning, etc. The goal is to align them out.

This group would lead the changes to Chapter 9, due to being a collaborative process.

Supervisor position is vacant, and they're on the downside.

They created an app that will put in a fire code, and they will get a WBS, if the WBS doesn't exist then it will be sent to the finance committee.

End of Report

Presenter's Name: Laura Barrett

Email for the Fire Environment Group; listened in on the meeting and decided she may have not been the right person to attend this meeting, so she forwarded to the right person. There was a lot of overlap, and they may not have awareness that it is being done already. Cheryl Bright from the BIA is a part of the group.

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GS-7/8 that is capable to certify over an FMO that is too busy, ultimately the responsible is the Line Officer. Usually, they will delegate on who that will be.

The InForm hub page is available to place specific items.

They had their InForm business call, CEPC, prevention folks on the call. They were looking at the undetermined causes. The WFMI uses were saying less options, so would they move it on the top level. Suggested yes, so there was more discussion. This was the Group that discussed "cause" of fire.

End of Report

Next Meeting: Discuss scheduled agenda call, some planed topics to talk around. December 21, 2023, is the next meeting, but Andrew is on leave. Reeve suggests moving to January. January Quarter Call and the Next Quarterly Call – Andrew will set up.

**Next Meeting will be on January 18, 2024
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