

## IOSC CALL NOTES – 12/10/19

### Members Present:

- Ben Oakleaf
- Troy Phelps
- Patrick Morgan
- Dave Larson
- Eric Fransted
- Darren O’Loughlin
- Jordan Black

### Advisors Present:

- Erin Burkhammer

### Not Present:

- Leander Real Bird
- Mark Redfox
- Rich Gray
- Keith Mitchell

### **Agenda Topics:**

1. **NEW NPS REPS – WELCOME!**
  - a. Keith Mitchell – AFMO Alaska Western Area
  - b. Jordan Black – Wildland Fire Module Leader, Great Smokies NP
2. **IRPG REQUEST – Change to WUI writing from WUI Mitigation Committee:**

**Email from Jolene Ackerman – Wisconsin DNR**

*I currently function as the chair of the WUI Mitigation committee. We recently assisted with updating the WUI portion of the S-130 training course, which is going to use the IRPG as the student workbook. During that process, one item in the IRPG was noted as needing an update. On page 13, under Tactical Challenges and Hazards, the bullet that reads, “Property owners remaining on-site or evacuations, which may cause panic.” The committee feels that “which may cause panic” should be removed from that sentence. Recent research indicates that people who choose to remain do not necessarily panic.*

**REQUEST WAS MET WITH SUPPORT FROM COMMITTEE AND WILL BE CHANGED WHEN IRPG IS UPDATED**

3. **IRPG SUGGESTION from TROY – Adding “emotional first aid” to IRPG**

**Email from District Manager to Troy:**

*I think we had a brief conversation about you being on the IRPG committee. I have considered at various times whether it would be helpful to add a checklist about emotional first aid and (perhaps) a very small component about how to intervene if you are concerned that a colleague may be contemplating suicide as a small addition to the IRPG.*

**REQUEST HAS VALUE, BUT SOME CONCERN ON PUTTING IN THE IRPG. THE IDEA WILL BE PUSHED OUT TO OTHER COMMITTEES TO GET THEIR INPUT BEFORE ANY DECISION IS MADE. WE HAVE THE TIME TO PUT SOME RESEARCH INTO “IF” IT BELONGS AND “WHAT” BELONGS.**

4. **NON-FED (STATE) FEEDBACK ON NWCG Terms and updated Federal Wildfire Policy Changes:**

Options:

- NWCG can create a separate definition for non-fed entities.
- NWCG can ADD and “extension” to federal policy definition for non-fed entities.

**DAVE WILL SOLICIT ANY FEEDBACK FROM HIS COOPERATORS.**

5. **FIRB FITNESS LEVEL** – FMC (Fuels Management Committee) is the steward and they are still looking at it. I passed on our feedback last spring that it should be CHANGED from MODERATE to ARDUOUS. No update yet.

Next Conference Call – Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 2020. Time and Conference line will be assigned later.