

Resource Advisor Subcommittee (READSC)

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 26,2021

Time:1330 (PDT) Late meeting start due to issues with Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Tim Kramer, Brian Van Druten, Cedar Drake, Martin Hutten, Danielle Nance, Kendra Fallon

Topic:

1. Words from Chair: Tim Kramer ran meeting in Linn Gassaway's absence. No roll call due to low attendance.
2. Special Presentation scheduled: this will have to occur later. Jen was travelling back from a fire assignment.
3. Review and accept meeting notes from March – May meetings
 - a. March – need clarification on who sent the email regarding a Wilderness representative on the READ SC. Once verified, meeting minutes accepted with any change needed for the email origin.
 - b. April – proposed revision to Item 7 to reflect that the discussion was more about the current makeup of the READ SC is based on agency and not specialty and that we will continue with that current makeup. There was agreement that as Wilderness expertise is needed by the READ SC that we will reach out to the appropriate people within the READ community. Minutes would be accepted with this change.
 - c. May – accepted as is.
 - d. June needs to be added to the webpage and will need to be approved at next READ SC meeting
4. Issue with one photo for the webpage – Cedar
Need a single, portrait photo for Mission Statement page to replace engines at night photo since it does not capture the essence of the READ mission. The one previously selected by the READ SC was rejected due to some missing PPE. Action item – committee members either look through the vetted NWCG photos to find something appropriate (Cedar has been unable to find one there) or submit a portrait photo on the Microsoft Teams page in the folder for website photos. Also notify Cedar if you add any photos.
5. Updates on RFC Data Request
 - a. Brian submitted to Linn on July 8th. The first four questions in the March minutes were answered. A discussion on this will be done at a later time when more members are present.

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6. Working Group Updates

- b. REAF – REAF & ARCH group are working together to get alignment between the two IPD's. Groups are pretty close and are working out lumping vs splitting differences. There have been productive email exchanges but the active fire season is slowing things a bit. Tim Kramer will follow up on what is needed for complete package.
- c. Lead READ – Nothing to report due to fire season. Linn is lead on this and has been obligated on emerging and ongoing fire incidents.

7. New Items

- a. MIST Definition Paper – Cedar reported about the proposed change from Suppression to Strategies in the acronym. There has been some concern with currently published materials that use Suppression and some concern related to Wilderness. A white paper was developed and submitted to Linn. Believed to be approved but the current status is unknown. Further updates to follow.
- b. READ SC being assignment of the glossary term “Rehabilitation” - Consensus among the attendees that we should take ownership. Kendra stated that if there was any push to reconsider the current definition that it be coordinated with IBAER group because “Rehabilitation” has a strong definition in the BAER work. Some discussion ensued but all in agreement with this strategy as well.
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- d. Discussion for future topics to think about – both fitness and dealing with ‘Arduous’ REAF requests and dealing with specialty needs in READ/F requests (botanist, hydrologist, etc). Lots of discussion ensued that generated more questions with input from all on the call.
 - i. When in a national PL2 in 2019, name requesting for needed specialties was not allowed and unfortunately the positions were not necessarily filled with the personnel needed for the large Type 1 incident. Also getting trainees when fully qualified people are needed.
 - ii. Could IROC potentially be a way to get specialties logged? Who would be the approver to add these specialties (local FMO, others)? Could this also keep some READ/Fs from being ordered that would be capable of the job?
 - iii. Issue of specialties/regional preferences not in other positions, ie a HEQB should be able to do the job anywhere in the country, so why

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not a READ/F? Also you don't see say an Arduous FOBS ordered, why with REAFs?

- iv. It was suggested that down the road, maybe a READ POC at NICC may be able to help with this when there are specialty needs
- v. Discussion about whether specialty requests would be possibly frowned upon down the road after these positions are approved. Pros and cons were discussed.
- vi. All agreed that this is a very large issue and that maybe we dedicate a few minutes at the end of each meeting going forward to brainstorm on how to begin to deal with some of this.

Meeting adjourned 1500 PDT.