

NWCG READ Subcommittee meeting: 01/24/2022

Present:

Linn Gassaway (FS-Chair), Tim Kramer (BLM-Vice Chair), Cedar Drake (NPS), Brian Van Druten (FWS), Stephanie Velasquez (CalFire), David Callery (FS), Marisa Anderson (FS), Jun Kinoshita, Christine Pyle (FS), Rich Schwab (NPS), Nelson Siefkin (NPS), Heidi Ogle (Geospatial liaison)

Roll Call and Remarks (Linn)

Approval of November Meeting Minutes

Cedar & Tim would like more time to review, Stephany has a have a hard time with accessing the Teams notes and would prefer to receive the notes.

For the notes:

- We'll bullet point major discussions
- Highlight major decisions
- Notes initially sent to Linn
- Linn reviews and posts on Teams
- All primaries to review as soon as possible thereafter

Working Group Updates (Linn, Cedar)

- READ subgroup: has not been initiated, Nelson volunteered to lead
- REAF subgroup: last met before Christmas, all parts and pieces are nearing completion. Will meet again on 15th and present to SC at the March meeting.
- ARCH subgroup: similar as REAF subgroup
- LEAD READ subgroup: started with 4 people, first meeting to be scheduled

Most recent email from Pete Irvine a bout Wilderness SME

Reviewed email SC received on 11/29/2021

- Brian: what does NWCG say about representation from SME's?
- Rich states membership is normally defined in a charter, Linn states the READ SC does not have its own charter as subgroup. We can bring in an SME as needed or form ad hoc subgroup as needed.
- Currently primaries feel, with what we are working we are not lacking in specific SME. Primaries concur. Primaries also concur that MIST as a concept may have been steeped in Wilderness but now guides our actions inside and outside of Wilderness.

Arduous/Moderate WCT Discussion

- Tim: FOBS is moderate, justification is there for moderate
- Cedar: on our qual sheet we will recommend that some of the fire course that support firefighting classes like pumps, saws, HEQB would be recommendations to further build fire line skills for REAFs. So beefing up the required trainings.

- Brian: DIVS are not line producers and are arduous. It is about READs being in places where the incident dictates the pace.
- Rich: it is about sustaining yourself as line producer, swinging a tool and REAFs can disengage from that at any time, line producers cannot. READs can help and contribute but it isn't in the READ job description.
- Linn: WCT is not about incident and fire knowledge
- **The primaries voted to keep WCT for REAF as Moderate.** There was one dissenting vote.

N-9042 Training Discussion (old) & 2022 NPS N-9042 Course (new)

- Discussion about the online DOI LEARN class not being sufficient for REAF on wildland fire.
- Further discussion about the need to standardize the content and duration of the N 9042 classes now offered by individual agencies.
- Rich observed that N 9042 may vary from 8-40 hours and that even in the NPS there is no consistency in the content.
- Linn offers that even at the USFS Forest level there can be major differences.
- Rich adds it will likely be an "I" course with a NWCG instructors guide.
- Standardization comes when NWCG accepts the new position packages.

New Business

Geospatial Changes - Review document Linn sent on 1/18/2022; draft was circulated among Primaries. Heidi Ogle joined.

- Geospatial changes discussion for the National incident feature service for this upcoming fire season. Heidi will give us a more detailed presentation in March but upcoming changes in workflow for specifically REPAIR:
 - **"No Repair Needed"** will now be used when READs have reviewed and no repair is needed. It will not have a halo color
 - **"Needs Review"** will now be the initial assigned value to a repair feature to avoid repair to be initiated prior to READ/ARCH assessment (frequently happened on DIXIE, resulting in needless damage)
- Brian thinks messaging to IMT might be needed, IMT will want it to be green.
- Marisa: is worried about color blindness issue with the colors. Heidi suggested that there is the ability to make accommodations on incidents.

AGENDA ITEMS DEFERRED TO NEXT MEETING

- MIST definition update
- N-9042 class, Facebook Video update, Hazard Pay Issue.
- Rich requested to add to our next meeting: "READ GUIDE"

Next meeting Feb 28th