

Resource Advisor Subcommittee (READSC)

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 28, 2022

Time:

Attendees:

Linn Gassaway (FS, Chair), Tim Kramer (BLM, Vice-Chair), Juliette Jeanne (BIA, Primary), Brian Van Druten (FWS, Primary), Steph Velasquez (CalFire, Primary), Cedar Drake (NPS, Primary), Marisa Anderson (FS, Associate, note-taker), Johanna Blanchard (BLM, Associate), Martin Hutten (NPS, Associate), Danelle Nance, (BLM, Associate), Kendra Fallon (BOR, Liaison), Christine Pyle (FS, Associate), Rich Schwab (NPS, Associate), Nelson Siefkin (NPS, Associate), Jason Nez (NPS, Associate)

Topic:

Opening remarks:

Welcome Jason Nez to this group as an NPS Associate member. He is a fire archaeologist at Grand Canyon National Park.

Approve minutes: Primary members approved the November and January minutes.

Future voting procedure: Brian would like to see more time allocated to a complex topic that requires a vote. We could prioritize votes at the beginning of the meeting rather than at the end.

The facilitator will clearly identify first and second motions that are received from other members when calling to vote.

Splitting or grouping READ, REAF, Lead READ position task books:

- Could potentially group READ, REAF, Lead READ, and ARCH together.
- Easier to get approval for the multiple positions if grouped.

Cedar – could go either way. ARCH should be different with different duties. Already put together a base language for the READ, REAF, and Lead READ task book that describe the common tasks among the three positions.

Stephanie and Jason – agree with having ARCH in a separate task book.

Brian – could those specific duties of ARCH just be teased out in its separate section because there's still a lot of overlap? Single resource has six unique positions without confusion: crew, heavy equipment, engine, felling, firing, and helicopter.

Linn – may be too far down the road to lump ARCH in. ARCH task book has already been accepted by the READ subcommittee. Need knowledge of specific laws. Would like to keep Lead READ separate. Working groups need to discuss further. Need clarification from

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NWCG on how they see merging of task books. Some of the grouping is based on level of the position.

Tim – will contact Deb Fleming from NWCG about this topic

Working Group Updates:

- REAF – Cedar

Group doing one last read-through of all the prepared documents. Need to know what format to set-up the task book (i.e., grouping or splitting positions). REAF subgroup will meet Monday, March 7th. Will then share the documents with the whole subcommittee.

- READ – Cedar

Took qualifications doc and insert from REAF and applied it to READ position. Open to having more participate on the READ subgroup. Right now there are only two NPS participants. Contact Cedar to join.

Tim and Juliet offered to review.

- Lead READ – Linn

Started working on task book. Nothing ready to share yet.

- ARCH – Linn

ARCH position documents almost complete.

- Webpage – Cedar

Cedar sending photos to Nancy Turner, NWCG webmaster.

N-9042 Trainings:

Cedar – NPS offering base course. Open to all agencies through the wildland fire learning portal. Self-study model. 6 weeks to complete 25 hours of work with a live webinar session at the end. Announcement coming out later this week. Course size is up to 600 people.

As N-9042 becomes a standard NWCG course – the N will be dropped and will be given a different letter (I or S). Lead READ training course may eventually begin with L.

Hazard Pay Justification – Marisa lost connection during this topic.

Suppression Repair Plan vs Suppression Damage Repair Plan and USFS National Technology & Development Center (NTDC) suppression damage repair guide:

Rich – NTDC produced the Suppression Repair guide and wants to know if this READ subcommittee wants to take ownership of the document. 334 pages.

Peter Adams is one of the primary authors.

This is a guide/reference document, not agency policy.

Not a hard deadline for reviewing this yet.

Linn- need to see the document first.

Tim – we need to focus on the positions first since that is our highest priority.

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Cedar – worked on the suppression repair guide a couple years ago. Anticipates that it would be a lot of work.

Brian – agendas are very packed. Perhaps a separate meeting for Peter Adams' presentation.

Primary members voted = unanimous support to hold a separate meeting on the suppression repair guidebook. Rich will let Peter know we're interested at looking at the document and hearing him present to this group. We will let Peter set-up a Doodle poll for this meeting – potentially early April.

Terminology clarification: Is it suppression repair or suppression damage repair? It's suppression repair. Potentially submit this suppression repair term and associated definition to the NWCG glossary. Tim will ask Deb for further clarification on this term.

PMS:309 NWCG Standards for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) integration into RFC Package Transition Plan:

<https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/309>

Cedar – wondering if this document would be useful to look at with the READ positions' transition plan.

Would be worthwhile for team members to become familiar with this document.

Update of 2017 READ Guide

Rich - No hard deadline for guide update. Rich has been asked by people if this will be revised soon. Would be better for winter work 2022-2023.

Brian – could be a task to take on after positions are finalized.

Tim, Cedar, and Stephanie – agree.

Linn – Need to consider the NTDC suppression repair document too. Could have two working subgroups; one working on READ guide and one on the repair guide.

Primary members agreed on working on READ guide after the positions are finalized.

At a future meeting, it would be helpful to create a Gantt chart with 1.) current and upcoming tasks this subcommittee plans to work on, 2.) timeframes, and 3.) people assigned (i.e., subgroups) to each task for the next 1-2 years.

Next READ subcommittee meeting is **Monday, March 28th**.