

Resource Advisor Subcommittee (READSC)

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 28, 2022

Time: 1:00-2:30 PT

Attendees:

Primary members: Linn Gassaway (Chair, FS), Tim Kramer (Vice Chair, BLM), Brian Van Druten (FWS), Steph Velasquez (CalFire), Cedar Drake (NPS)

Associate members: Martin Hutten (NPS, note-taker), Marisa Anderson (FS, note-taker), Kendra Fallon (BOR), Christine Pyle (FS), Rich Schwab (NPS), Nelson Siefkin (NPS), Jason Nez (NPS), Johanna Blanchard (BLM)

Liaisons: Jun Kinoshita, Courtney Rowe (California State Parks)

Additional attendees: Heidi Ogle (NPS), Deb Fleming (NWCG)

Topic:

Agenda: Notes need to be 508 Compliant. Formatting tables requires additional steps to make compliant.

Grouping/Splitting Taskbooks: According to Tim, NWCG trend is to split taskbooks. Deb confirmed.

Working Group Updates:

REAF - Cedar: Final documents sent to Linn on 3/27/2022. Linn shared with SC on 3/28/2022.

***Provide comments by Friday, April 15th**

READ - Nelson: Cedar/Juliette/Tim: worked on draft IPD and tasks. Maybe READ better left at THSP? Will be utilized more that way in the future as fire seasons get longer. All Hazard have a READ position also. Both sis READ in IQCS.

***Nelson will come up with a PRO and CONs document. We will vote next month.**

LEAD READ - Linn: moving forward all positions have been started. Good draft by the next meeting, but not there yet. It will be close, perhaps not done. If not, two months until completion.

ARCH - Linn: Documents are complete, were emailed to SC on March 27th.

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Hazard Pay Justification

Cedar – need a rock-solid argument. Refer to redbook policy accurately and appropriately.

Tim: make it clear and not emotional. Just why it is justified.

Rich Schwab: Redbook cites the CFR. OPM comes up with hazard pay definitions and what's eligible. Cite the interagency handbook.

Cedar: 'part of a crew'

Rich: need to be involved in firefighting operations. Involved with suppression of the incident.

Brian: being part of big 'C' Crew and little 'c' crew. REAFs are crew.

Linn: found a more recent memo about hazard pay criteria. Need to bring it up to today's policy. Too much ambiguity between Crew and crew; disregard.

***Tim and Brian will work on hazard pay justification draft.**

FS suppression damage repair guide

Rich: NTDC will publish a GTR. Peter Adams will send us a shorter version and checklist to potentially be added as an appendix to the READ Guide. There will be a delay in receiving his next version.

READ SC decision space: accept/revise/reject short version with a checklist for the READ Guide.

READ Guide

Rich: no updates

Linn: Subcommittee won't be able to review the guide until after finished with the READ, REAF, and Lead READ positions.

Other Topics

Cedar: How update the MIST definition in the NWCG glossary?

***Linn will ask Deb**