

Resource Advisor Subcommittee (READSC)

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 24, 2022

Time: 1300 PST

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
- Christine Pyle, FS, Associate
- Courtney Rowe, California State Parks, Liaison
- Martin Hutten, NPS, Associate
- Rich Schwab, NPS, Associate
- Laura Harger, BOR, Liaison (replacing Kendra Fallon)
- Heath Cota, USFS
- Jennifer Hickman, new BIA Watershed Specialist
- ~~Jun Kinoshita~~
- ~~Jason Nez~~
- ~~Anne Poopatanapong~~
- ~~Marissa Anderson~~
- ~~Nelson Siefkin~~
- ~~Dave Gallery~~
- ~~Daniel Nance~~
- ~~Heidi Ogle~~
- ~~Johanna Blanchard~~

Topic:

Roll Call and Opening Remarks

Review and approval of minutes from September meeting

- Notes from 9/26/2022 READSC meeting were approved and can be forwarded to Katy O'Hara for posting on NWCG READSC Webpage.

Hazard Pay Document Update

- Attempts have been made to schedule meeting with NWCG Incident Business Committee. Still awaiting response. Tabled until next month.

Incident and Position Standards Committee (IPSC) Status Update

- Awaiting official response from IPSC.

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- Received initial comments from Jim Schultz on the READSC RFC proposal for REAC, READ, REAF, ARCH packages (see READSC meeting minutes from 9.26.2022 for further information).
- Attempted contact with Annie Benoit to inform on course formats accepted by NWCG for the three READ courses (Lead READ, Fire ARCH and N-9024). All three courses are in same state to move forward. No set date to discuss curriculum, Courtney is willing to work on format.
- Discussion regarding Jim Schultz's cursory review:
 - *L-380 as a requirement for qualification may be problematic, due to limited availability of course.* Only the REAC has this requirement. One solution is to move it as recommended but not required course, or encourage additional trainings specific for non-primary/secondary firefighting personnel, or through private vendor. The READSC may allow for additional time to obtain qualifications during the initial transition, once the position is approved. May expand requirement to include L381. Cedar will email differences between L-380 and L-381 to the group.
 - *NWCG cannot enforce the requirement that an individual must be an archeologist in their day job as a qualification to being qualified as an ARCH. Potential solutions include:*
 - *NWCG could create its own license/certification*
 - *Experience as an archeologist could be removed as a requirement from the qualification*
 - *agencies could create their own individual certifying process*The ARCH group discussed this and felt that without the requirement, the position is no different than para-arch.
- Agreement to table further discussion until the full IPSC responds. Once the IPSC approves, the packages will go out for public comment.

Updates on the Suppression Repair Manual (Linn)

- No updates.

Common Language for agencies on the positions/Talking Points for the RFC Package (Group)

- No updates.
- Intention for the talking points is for READSC members to speak to leads within our agencies to introduce the RFC package, answer questions and provide consistent information.
- Keep on agenda for next month's READSC meeting.

Red Book Change Request for 2023 (Cedar)

- 2023 Red Book Draft is currently open/available for edits.
- Refer to document *Red Book Change Request for 2023* emailed by Cedar Drake on 10/20/2022.
- The following edits were discussed and approved by the READSC to submit for 2023 Red Book Change Request:
 - Chapter 11, Page 259, Lines 10-11
 - Comment: The NWCG Glossary officially changed the definition of MIST from "Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics" to "Minimum Impact Strategies and

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- Tactics” in 2022. To maintain consistency with this change, the definition for MIST in the Red Book should reflect this change.
- Current Text: “1) using Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics (MIST) wherever possible;”
 - Suggested New Text: “1) using Minimum Impact Strategies and Tactics (MIST) wherever possible;”
- Appendix G-5 (no page numbers or line indicated)
 - Current Text:
“• Cultural and Resource Protection and/or Enhancement
Avoid damage to sensitive cultural resources within the fire area; coordinate suppression actions with the line resource advisor/archeologist. Specific sensitive cultural information was included within the briefing package.”
 - Suggested New Text:
“•Cultural and Natural Resource Protection and/or Enhancement
Avoid damage to cultural and natural resources identified as critical by the responsible agency; coordinate suppression actions with the resource advisor/archeologist. Specific cultural and natural resource information has been included within the briefing package.”
 - The following edits were reviewed and tabled for further discussion. Recommend further internal agency coordination and GIS subcommittee collaboration:
 - Chapter 12, Page 276, Line 36
 - Chapter 12, Page 275, Line 27
 - The following was reviewed and READSC agreed the proposed change was minor, and a request for change was not necessary.
 - Appendix G-5 (no page numbers or line indicated)
 - Establish a reminder to continue red book edits throughout the year, work through suggested changes and submit approved edits in October 2023. Also recommended to make this an annual and recurring task.

N-9042/WFLP (Cedar)

- Demo of Wildland Fire Learning Portal READ Video Learning Library
 - Can search, get more READ info via video context.
 - Created to support National Park Service (NPS) course initially
 - Propose eventual management under READSC. If not supported, it may continue to be managed through the NPS.
 - Recommend further discussion at next month’s READSC meeting.