



National Wildfire Coordinating Group

Resource Advisor Subcommittee

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 21 January 2025

TIME: 1400-1530 Mountain

ATTENDEES:

Jess Riesenberg – BLM – Chair	Justin Proffer – BLM – Associate	Linn Gassaway – NPS – Advisor
Jennifer Hickman – BIA – Vice Chair	Hannah Robinson – BLM – Associate	Lisa Andreano – California State Parks Liaison
Brian Van Druten – FWS – Primary	Tim Kramer – FWS – Associate	David Harper – BOR – Liaison
Russel Benford – NASF – Primary	Diane Abendroth – NPS – Associate	Laura Harger – BOR – Liaison
Cedar Drake – NPS – Primary	Jen Gibson – NPS – Associate	Jun Kinoshita – Liaison
David Callery – FS – Primary	Jordan Spaak – NPS – Associate	
Strikethrough indicates not in attendance	Jason Nez – NPS – Associate	Dave Schultz – NWCG Coordinator
	Melissa Dressen – FS – Associate	Justin Boeck – IFPC Liaison
	Todd Ellsworth – FS – Associate	Daniel Staab – IPTM
	Rebecca Lloyd – FS – Associate	
	Courtney Rowe – FS – Associate	

Note Taker: Jason Nez, NPS with edits by Jess Riesenberg BLM

COMMENTS/OPENING REMARKS

Roster Updates:

- BLM: Kevin Keeler retired and no longer an associate member

SOP Review coming in April as well as the Chair and Vice-Chair rotations

AGENDA ITEMS

Topic: Federal Supplement Updates

Presenter: Jess Riesenberg

Discussion/Considerations: All primary member agencies, except the BLM, have approved the Federal Supplement updates to the READ, REAF and ARCH positions. All primary member agencies, except the BLM, have approved the addition of the REAC position.

If people hear of BLM resource advisors/archaeologists having difficulties getting out, due to BLM not falling in line with the other agencies, have them contact Jess. This way she can make a better case to the BLM for incorporate these changes. It's still unclear why the BLM did not move forward with the changes while the other agencies did.

Considerations:

ARCH position, people not need to show they are an archaeologist, is the READSC prepared to assist with reviews if needed? Answer: Yes; this was a known possible side effect in increasing the standards to the



ARCH position. The READSC will assist if a training officer requests help in determining if a person can be a qualified ARCH.

Decision: No decision needs to be made

Topic: IPTM Update

Presenter: Dan Staab and Courtney Rowe

Discussion/Considerations: Moving forward with the next gen task books for the REAF position, and the development of M-280. The READSC needs to review the standards documents and post comments. Have concerns adjudicated by Feb. 5th and sent back to ensure we are still maintaining current timelines. We need to have all documentations done in early November, for the position to be included in the PMS 310-1 for 2026.

Three documents for READSC to review.

- Appendix B – REAF IPD
- PMS 350-112_Draft2024_REAF
- REAF PARR

Considerations:

If in the future an agency wants to teach M-280 in excess of 8 hours, it is possible to provide additional information as to what is required for the curriculum? Answer: This is something that would need to be taken up with that agency to say they would like to require more. What needs to be required is what students need to pass M-280; if you want to require more it is optional and students who don't take it will still get certified. Hard to say this is a 4-day course when the Executive Board Approved 4-8 hours of training.

- If the READSC wants more than an 8-hour course, we need to submit a request for change. But right now, 8 hours of course content is what will be build moving forward.

It will be a challenge to course developers on how to treat all topics adequately in a tight amount of time. Answer: Don't forget we have on the job training and a task book now too, which previously was not the case for this position. 4-8 hours of training is what all agencies are willing to support for this course.

How was that decision made, as it was based on a draft decision without SMEs reviewing the PARR or reviewing the position description. Answer: Can't speak to what was considered at the agency leader level and those conversations, as not apart of them. Some reps reached out to READSC members when discussions about the M-280 course were occurring.

If we're granted 8 hours for the course, do we have some flexibility on the course material? Answer: Yes. Don't lose sight that IPTM is moving us to a different learning model that we might not be used to. So, what are those bare minimums we need for people to be qualified? That is the core of this process. This is a generalized REAF position, you can't be "Super REAF" and deal with every single resource and every single concern. This is not the goal. What this give us is a task book, and standards; you have a trainer now.

What if we don't move forward with the recommended 8 hour course for M-280 because we feel as though it needs to be longer? Answer: It would mean the REAF position would not be in the PMS-310-1 in the near future. Most likely it would get dropped from the IPTM process and stay in the federal supplement.



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Decision: Comments on the three documents in by Feb 3rd so adjudication and approval can proceed by Feb. 5th from the READSC.

Topic: Status Check

Presenter: Jess Riesenberg

- **Written Response to Questions Submitted to NWCG Executive Board:** Still waiting on a reply. They've been working on the response as there was some back and forth before holiday break.
 - **Updating PMS 313:** Getting on radar for once REAF position gets updated, would be good to be in line with those updates.
 - **Resource Advisor Learning Library Link:** Slowly start to look through videos and provide comments and concerns. NOTE: Will not be able to link to the Resource Advisor Learning Library within the REAF position Description, so if we want students to know about it, best to link to it on our READSC webpage.
 - **Discussion Idea for Suppression Rehabilitation Equipment Boss Position:** Someone from the Forest Service messaged asking about creating a new position. NWCG is not going to create new positions unless they deal with safety for the time being.
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Topic: Go Backs/Round Robin

Presenter: All

Discussion/Considerations:

BIA - None
BLM - None
FWS - None
FS - None
NASF - None
NPS - None
Liaisons - None

ACTION ITEMS

- IPTM: READSC members add comments to the three documents noted above by Feb. 3rd. Primary members will have an adjudication and approval ready by Feb. 5th.
 - SOP review happening in April, make comments to document before then.
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DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

Date: 24 Feb 2025
Time: 1400 Mountain
Location: Virtual TEAMS
Note Taker: Rebecca Lloyd, FS
