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Action Items

Next Call – February 13, 2020

Wildfire and smoke activity round robin

Still have at least a month of fire season in Australia.

Webinars – No News

NWCG

- NWCG All Chairs meeting is meeting 11th and 12th of Feb.
- Funding requests have been submitted to NWCG.
 - RX410 assessment.
 - PB Piedmont User Manual and support.
 - Smoke Management and Air Quality for Land Management update.
- S130 supporting material for smoke segment, Pete is working to meet the March 2 deadline.
- Pete presented to Foresters on CalOSHA, there is an emerging need that the safety officers and med unit leaders will need to work with.
- Smoke and Roadway Safety Guide – small group will be meeting on revisions 2/7
- Smoke Management Field Guide – small group will be meeting on revisions 2/7
- [Action Item Pete and Dave] 4-6 facilitator questions for Roadway Safety need to be provided to Mike Black for use with the Transportation Safety smoke video
- Transportation Safety Video – if we need to make updates to this based on the Transportation Safety Guide, identify the time point in the video and provide feedback on the nature of the change.

SmoC Interactive state map of smoke contacts and program information – Status – **Smoke** interactive state map promoted at WFLC. There is a need for other resources linked to it as well, such as links to legislation for burning. This need was identified by the Coalition of Prescribed Fire Council. Josh can provide a spreadsheet of our current contents to the smoke managers



Upcoming Workshops-SmoC Participation

- March 30th EPA Smoke Management Meeting in Ashland OR.
- Next International Smoke Symposium will be in April 20-24, 2020, Location Raleigh, NC.
 - [Action Item All] If you want to be involved with ISS3 (committee members, board members, presenters, etc.) let Pete know.
 - Gary is setting up a field day prescribed burn. There may a field day at ORD in Raleigh. It is well balanced between east and west. Panels are being narrowed down with members from WHO, Federal and public health. Encourage folks for talks and ignite talks. Planners are trying to encourage younger audience members to take part.
- WESTAR Spring Business Meeting – Week of April 20-24, 2020
- Childhood Health and Wildfire Smoke – Week of April 28th. Invite only in Sacramento. Product-oriented workshop with Pediatric Health, EPA, etc. Pete will convey conclusions to SmoC.
- Air Sensors International Conference May 12-15, 2020. Pasadena CA.
<https://asic.aqrc.ucdavis.edu/>
- American Meteorological Society (AMS) 13th Fire and Forest Meteorology Symposium. May 12-14, 2020. Palm Springs, California. <https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/ams/meetings-events/ams-meetings/13-fire-and-forest-meteorology-symposium/>

Subcommittee Roundup

Technical Smoke Topics

- No News

Smoke Managers

- Seth Morphis will take Mike Broughtons vacancy

Training

- No News

Round Robin Topics

- National Association of State foresters meeting report out
 - Discussed barriers to Rx burning, – all identified obstacles and opportunities for improvement.
 - NWS support varied from state to state, so some states have different levels of support
- New CalFire director will be meeting with Pete and Mark re: wildfire personnel safety and health.
- JFSP work in smoke visibility and monitoring. There is experimental modeling outputs but they are not ready for use
- Wildfire happening in fire scars – There is a lot of land that does not have an FCCS model. It may have an FBFM modeling but not well characterized surface fuels.
- Wildland Fire leadership meeting was two weeks ago and included the Dept. of Interior, Agriculture, CDC, EPA, and National Health. Did a field trip to a burn site.
 - need to put together talking points on how we characterize wildfire vs rx fire smoke, the differences, and why rx is likely a better alternative. Second item is health assessment of wildfire vs rx fire options, third task is that wildland fire is included in natural background of SIP submittals.