



## Present

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## Action Items

**Next Call – March 12, 2020**

## Wildfire News

- A lot of pile bringing on BLM lands, Arizona is going to start RX fires soon
- Some pile burning in the Midwest in light of snow
- Army has a lot of prescribed fire planned from last year too, but it's a slow start at this point in the year.

## Upcoming Webinars

- Air Quality Sensor Update? EPA
- Role of Fuel and Combustion Conditions on the Chemistry and Cardiopulmonary Toxicity of Smoke from Wildland Fires (Ian Gilmour – EPA)?
- INFORMS-who?

## NWCG

- IDP changes needed for SOF# and MEDL– no news.
- Work underway by group for FFT2 and S-130 inclusion of Know the Hazards of Smoke Video-1->>>>Task to assess Video for any changes related to release of upcoming Guide
- Smoke, Roadways and Safety Guide– Group in final review- call scheduled for tomorrow morning to wrap up.
- Smoke Management Field Guide Effort– Progress!
- SOF#/MEDL/LOG# video progress– Met with Colby and outline:
  - Contract support for the video via NWCG (contract representation)
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- Develop a Smoke Pocket Card
- Revitalization of the SmoC Training Subcomm. Janice Peterson is working on this.
- NWCG project funding
  - PB Piedmont improvement – User Guide
  - Rx 410 Assessment and re-write- \$20k for 2021 and \$100k for 2022 to cover substantial online development
  - Smoke and Air Quality for Land Managers video revision



**SmoC Interactive state map** of smoke contacts and program information – Status – SMP's and MOU's from SE and West now being included – Filling gaps? Local and Tribal smoke contacts? –Tasking of Smoke Managers Subcomm. – Overlap with AirFire mapping Josh can follow up with this via airfire – putting contacts in a geodatabase format and offer it via ArcGIS online or similar – better method for future additions than its current html format (mapped image with bookmarks).

### **Upcoming Workshops-SmoC Participation**

- Area Command-Incident Command (AC-IC) Meeting, Boise ID
- March 30<sup>th</sup> EPA Smoke Management Meeting in Ashland OR.
- Next International Smoke Symposium will be in April 20-24, 2020, Location Raleigh, NC.
  - Federal Leadership Council speaking – will have Assistant secretary for DOI, Undersecretary for USDA-FS, EPA, and Director of Env. Health for CDC. Addressing the Prescribed Vs Wildfire smoke topic.
  - Panel on government collaboration, with CA Governor, County work, etc.
  - Panel on Australian fires.
  - Additional day and track have been added to accommodate workshops and presentations that were submitted. Also people pushing on meeting mgt to get more allowance for people to attend this event. May have a different speaker than Steven Pine on the fire ecology end. Is Paul Hessberg or someone similar available? Maybe someone from Leopold institute.
  - 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
- [Action Item All] if you have presentations still, let Pete know ASAP, we have four slots available following cancellations.
- Childhood Health and Wildfire Smoke – Week of April 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.agrc.ucdavis.edu/>
- American Meteorological Society (AMS) 13<sup>th</sup> 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

- Next Chair Seth Morphis



## NWCG Smoke Committee Conference Call 02/27/2020



### Training

- Revitalization plans (How does S-190 and above address smoke and how are we training our agency administrators and PIO's about smoke)
- Dialogue on RX-410 being owned by SmoC in the future, it is currently owned by the FMC.

### **Round Robin Topics**

- AC-IC Report out from Pete. Federal and State ICs attend this. Pete discussed the Wildland Fire Air Quality response program at this meeting.
  - WFDSS is undergoing revision, as is the Firenet System which is changing platforms
  - Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS) is going away to be replaced by Interagency Resource Ordering Capability (IROC), end of March- ROSS users will have to re-submit to gain access to IROC.