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Action Items

- [Action Item] Develop a Smoke Pocket Card
- Wildfire and smoke activity round robin
- SW AZ a couple wildfires on BLM land
 - 3500 and 2000 acre burns in Nebraska, still getting shut down with snow on some days. Also, some smaller (300-400 acres) burns going on
 - Low elevation snow in OR, also multi-agency voluntarily ceased burns in light of COVID-19 concerns, FS has also stopped burning in the region. ID MT are seeing a similar reduction this Spring.
 - FL is still doing pile and broadcast burns, most of the pile burning is going in the northern part of the states.
 - Carolinas are doing less prescribed burns now.

Next Call – May 7, 2020 (skipping the week of ISS3)

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- 21st of May.

NWCG Business

- IDP changes needed for SOF# and MEDL– need to review
- Smoke Management Field Guide Effort–Next call? NWCG Illustrator engaged for illustrating ignition techniques.
- SOF#/MEDL/LOG# video progress– 1st call held, next one April 14th.
- Develop a Smoke Pocket Card– this remains on our to-do list. will send something out by next week if not sooner.



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- Revitalization of the SmoC Training Subcomm- Review of the course “Smoke Management and Air Quality for Land Managers”
- Engage with partners on creating guidance on NWS Annual Operating plan and parameters that support smoke (WF and Rx) and prescribed fire operations.
- Pete submitted NWCG Guide for Prescribed Fire Smoke Management (2020) PMS 420-3 version and Smoke Roadways and Safety Guide to Jesse for final versions. COVID response is taking some of Jesse time, so progress on these is delayed a bit.
- New Definitions to propose for NWCG: A mark-up has been sent via email this morning.
 - There will be more changes on this that will be sent out. A Superfog definition was found on <https://www.weather.gov/safety/fog-super>

Upcoming Workshops-SmoC Participation

- March 30th EPA Smoke Management Meeting in Ashland OR. - Postponed, likely to happen end of June or beginning of July.
- Next International Smoke Symposium-
 - Will be fully virtual.
 - Have both lost and gained presenters, as the IAQ workshop was cancelled. 14 open slots currently.
 - Presentations will be both pre-recorded and live. Looking into offering live chat for poster presentation. Traditional, PPT, or video options for these now.
 - Registration is now \$300, you’ll have access to all virtual and recorded materials for a year.
 - Offering a panel addressing COVID19 and wildfire smoke.
- WESTAR Spring Business Meeting – Week of April 20-24, 2020
- Childhood Health and Wildfire Smoke – Postponed, will happen virtually. Working on some messaging for this fire season. – ~~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 - In Person part of May 12-15 2020 conference is postponed. Pasadena CA. <https://asic.agrc.ucdavis.edu/>
- American Meteorological Society (AMS) 13th Fire and Forest Meteorology Symposium. Postponed until next spring. May 11-13 2021 Palm Springs
<https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/ams/meetings-events/ams-meetings/13-fire-and-forest-meteorology-symposium/>

Subcommittee Roundup

Technical Smoke Topics

- SERA Presentation to EPA happening in the near future.

Smoke Managers

- A call is scheduled.

Training



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- Revitalization plans (How does S-190 and above address smoke and how are we training our agency administrators and PIO's about smoke)

Round Robin Topics

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- Wildfire Risk to community's website and mapping is now live, Pete will send out the links