



Present:

Blane Heumann (TNC)
Colby Jackson (NWCG)
Dan Chan (GA Forestry)
David Mueller (BLM)
Deb Fleming (NWCG)
Gary Curcio (IPA)
Josh Hyde (Univ of Idaho)
Mark Fitch (NPS)
Mary Uhl (Westar)
Mike Zupco (WFLC)
Nick Yonker (OR)
Pete Lahm (FS)
Peter Teensma (OWF)
Shaina White (BIA)
Susan O'Neill (FS)
Tammy Eagan (FL)
Janice Peterson (USFS)

Action Items

Roster

Next Call June 4 - 1000PT 1100 MT, 1200 CT, 1300 ET

1st Hour: Presentation on InFORMS – Dianna Sampson (BLM)

- The new fire reporting system, Interagency Fire Occurrence Reporting Modules (InFORM), is designed to modernize and streamline wildfire reporting by providing a single, nationwide system of record for both federal and state agencies.

- InFORM will eliminate redundant data entry, improve the quality and completeness of fire data, and provide easier data access. Phase one replaced the Fire Reporting Module of the Wildland Fire Management Information (WFMI) system in January 2020

Wildfire Activity

- Arizona has some activity.
- FL is beginning to get a handle on the larger fires around Big Cypress.
- NW has been very wet this May, but have been in drought before that, so there is some concern for the upcoming fire season when things dry out. Very little activity at the moment
- GA is wet, no fires
- NC is wet, no fires
- No new on cache.

NWCG Business



NWCG Smoke Committee Conference Call 05/21/2020



- IDP changes needed for SOF# and MEDL – Comments being addressed through our Video Workgroup
- Smoke Management Field Guide Effort – Next call? NWCG Illustrator engaged, next call 28th
- SOF#/MEDL/LOG# video progress – Submitted Outline and Charter to NWCG, contract outreach started
- Develop a Smoke Pocket Card – added smoke checklist; replaced Zimmerman box with roadway assessment process. Settled on a roadway focus. Next call will be June 3.
- Revitalization of the SmoC Training Subcomm – Funding procured for update of Smoke and Air Quality for Land Managers – Review needs to begin
- 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. Should be available for review end of this week
- New Definitions to propose for NWCG: submitted to NWCG last week
- Stand up of Mixing Height Work Group with FENC - Fire Weather Subcommittee –

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. – status
 - Have some volunteers to update this list and send back to Josh to update the website.

Upcoming Workshops-SmoC Participation

- International Smoke Symposium will be in April 20-24, 2020, Location Raleigh, NC and Davis, CA. <https://www.iawfonline.org/event/3rd-international-smoke-symposium/> Plans and Special Issues
- Air Sensors Summer Series – UC Davis – May 14, June 18, July 16 - <https://asic.aqrc.ucdavis.edu/summer-virtual-series>
- 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/>
- Air Sensors International Conference April 27-30, 2021 <https://asic.aqrc.ucdavis.edu/>

Subcommittee Roundup

Technical Smoke Topics – No news to report.

Smoke Managers – Next Chair Seth Morphis – idea of expansion of Smoke Ready Community effort

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

(Temporary Chair – Janice Peterson)



Round Robin Topics

- Geographic Area Wildfire Response Plans posted – Smoke and COVID-19 Appendix
<https://www.nifc.gov/fireInfo/covid-19.htm>
- Wildfire Awareness Month – R6 Efforts - Janice
- Canada Health – Health Assessment of Wildfire published –
- ARA Continuing Education Training week – June 16-18 (4hr/day)
- Gary will send a MAV table memo to the transportation safety guidebook working group. There are more current versions out there.