



Present:

Colby Jackson (NWCG)
David Mueller (BLM)
Josh Hyde (Univ of Idaho)
Lou Ballard (FWS)
Mark Fitch (NPS)
Mary Uhl (Westar)
Nick Yonker (OR)
Pete Lahm (FS)
Susan O'Neill (FS)
Tammy Eagan (FL)
Janice Peterson (USFS)
Marley Marshall (NWCG)
Steve Shaw NWCG program mgt

Action Items

- [Action Item] Pete follow up with Ron Birtch Re: safety officer/med unit leader IPD.
- [Action Item Josh] check on smokepedia info/send to Marley

Roster

Steve Shaw: joining us. Detailing into NWCG, chaired OTC for a couple years and now familiarizing with the various committees across NWCG.

Next Call July 2 - 1000PT 1100 MT, 1200 CT, 1300 ET

Wildfire Activity

- Very active in SW, 6 ARAs are out now and a lot of regional coordination to address smoke
- Some monitors from the national cache have been deployed on Navajo land.
- Amber Ortego for CO public health and env is filling in behind Mike Broughton to manage the national cache. Splitting time between managing cache and being UFSS R2 smoke lead, starts July 6.
- CDC/USDA/USFS communication points on wildfire smoke and COVID will be out shortly Some info needed to be derived from other similar illnesses and its likely that smoke will worsen symptoms of COVID
- There are a few virtual ARAs but that is not working well at this point, a big obstacle is that they are unable to move monitoring units as needed.
- Mary Uhl conveyed that is more difficult than it has been historically to find smoke concentrations across New Mexico. Smoke is visible by site and smell but the state website did not have much information. Arizona has a very nice web interface for smoke concentrations.

NWCG Business

- Pete sent comments on PMS-477 to Jesse.
- PMS 420-3 has also been sent to Jesse from Pete.
- Emission Factor data standardization project – need an interagency agreement to allocate the 10K for this – Susan sorted this out.
- Smoke Management field guide efforts moved to monthly calls over the summer
- SOF# and MEDL video – material has been sent to the contracting person, have not heard back yet.
- Draft smoke pocket card has been sent to Pete



- Smoke Training subcommittee – Janice Peterson temporarily will work on revitalizing the smoke training subcommittee.
- External glossary spreadsheet, committees need to send their comments by the end of July.
- NWCG COVID response group is having a lot of discussion on this topic and collecting feedback from the field.
- IPSD recommended a COVID briefing checklist sticker added to IRPG, it will also be available via the NWCG website to be printed by individuals.
- IPD review on a number of positions from NWCG
- [Action item] Pete follow up with Ron Birch Re: safety officer/med unit leader IPD.
- SmoC has followed up on task books ICT1-4 a few years ago, not sure how much of that was pulled into the positions that are up for review now.
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Upcoming Workshops-SmoC Participation

- Air Sensors Summer Series – UC Davis – May 14, June 18, July 16 - <https://asic.agrc.ucdavis.edu/summer-virtual-series>
- Air Sensors International Conference April 27-30, 2021 <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/->
- American Geophysical Union – Dec 1-7 <https://www.agu.org/fall-meeting>

Subcommittee Roundup

Technical Smoke Topics –

- Susan and Mark - New 18 minute video walking users through NASA world view application to view smoke imagery and hotspot information from these pages. Susan shared the website from Zoom.

Smoke Managers – No news

Training – No News

Round Robin Topics

- Smoke ready links for communities that we can post on FRAMES.gov, we can do this Pete and Josh follow up.
- Dave applied for Rx410 revision/review funding for 2021, pretty confident this will come through and the project can be started in 2021.