



NWCG Smoke Committee Conference Call 08/27/2020



Present:

Colby Jackson (NWCG)
Dan Chan (GA Forestry)
Doug Whisenhunt (NRCS)
Gary Curcio (IPA)
Josh Hyde (Univ of Idaho)
Mary Uhl (Westar)
Pete Lahm (FS)
Peter Teensma (OWF)
Susan O'Neill (FS)
Tammy Eagan (FL)
Janice Peterson (USFS)
Jeremy Sullens (NWCG)

Action Items

- [Action Item Colby] find out what happens to the SOF#/MEDL?LOG# video funding if the contract rolls into next fiscal year, Pete has contracted a SME to take part in this process and may need to amend that agreement if the project takes longer than anticipated.
- [Action Item Pete] Send Colby full list of Smoke IDPs comments.

Members

- Jeremy Sullens in Joining us, NWCG Program Manager. Previous work in predictive services, and state of orgeon. District Ranger USFS.

Wildfire and smoke activity round robin

- Air Now and sensor website is up and generating a lot of attention – currently we are seeing a lot of fire and smoke.
- Several national cache monitors are in stock, many agency monitors are out.
- Several ARA have been deployed with CalFire, around 20 out right now and will likely have more deployed in Region 4.
- Any available ARAs are needed.
- In OR there are fires in central part of the state. They have been getting a lot of smoke from CA, but there has also been a lot of it from CA that has stayed aloft.
 - White River and Lions Head are both active in OR, matches what personnel expected given drought conditions and likely fire hot spots this year.
 - Many of the fires North of John Day are coming under control, Laurel Mountain, Green Ridge, Crane, Frog, etc.
 - Many 2-5K acres, not that many very large fires. Expecting wind over the weekend that is expected to clear smoke issues, may kick up some sleeper fires.

Next Call – Sept. 10, 2020 –

NWCG Business

- Smoke Management Field Guide Effort – Call schedule established
- SOF#/MEDL/LOG# video progress – Submitted Outline and Charter to NWCG, No additional news on video contract.



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 - SmoC submitted comments for SOF 1 and 2.
- 13 IDPs have come up for review. Safety officer line, medical leaders, basecamp manager are all up for review.
- Revitalization of the SmoC Training Subcomm – Funding procured for update of Smoke and Air Quality for Land Managers – Review needs to begin
- Pete submitted NWCG Guide for Prescribed Fire Smoke Management (2020) PMS 420-3 version and Smoke Roadways and Safety Guide PMS 477. No News this week.
- Stand up of Mixing Height Work Group with FENC - Fire Weather Subcommittee — Questions from FMC.

Upcoming Workshops-SmoC Participation

- The 19th Annual CMAS Conference will be held virtually from October 26 - 30, 2020. The CMAS Center is now [accepting abstracts and registrations](#). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's conference will be hosted virtually by the [UNC Institute for the Environment](#). Members of the CMAS community who wish to present at the conference need to [register](#) and submit their presentation title, brief description, and preferred session by August 14, 2020. Has a smoke track.
- Air Sensors International Conference April 27-30, 2021 <https://asic.agrc.ucdavis.edu/>
- American Meteorological Society (AMS) 13th Fire and Forest Meteorology Symposium. May 11-13, 2021. Palm Springs, California. <https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/ams/meetings-events/ams-meetings/13-fire-and-forest-meteorology-symposium/>

Round Robin

- Task group for annual operating plan, need to get this going –
 - SmoC and Fireweather subcommittee will proceed onward with original tasking from FMC. There will be progress when fire season work declines.
- Pocket Card, no news
- NFDRS technical document – no news