

Wildland Fire Investigation Subcommittee (WFISC)

Conference Call Agenda

January 25, 2021

12:30 pm PST

WFISC Members: Jerry Hepler (USFS, Chair), John Bird (NASF, Vice Chair), Jeff Moyer (BIA, Primary Member), Shawn Zimmermaker (NASF, Primary Member), Scott Fischer (BLM, Primary Member), Jay Hinshaw (BIA, Primary Member), Fred Workman (FWS, Primary Member), Jeff Bonebrake (NASF, Primary Member), Brian Clavier (NASF, Primary Member), Carrie Bilbao (CEPC Liaison), Deb Fleming (NWCG Program Manager), Annie Benoit (NWCG Coordinator), Alan Carlson (Associate Member), Curt Cogan (Associate Member), Jim Engel (Associate Member), Steve Grimaldi (Associate Member), Jeff Henricks (Associate Member), Ken Ness (Associate Member), Brenda Rice (Associate Member), Gary White (Associate Member), John Barnes (Associate Member), Chris Forkner (Associate Member), Mike Heath (Associate Member), Bruce Landrum (Associate Member), Trevor Maynard (Associate Member), Ken Pitt (Associate Member), Richard Woods (Associate Member), Lucas Wolf (Associate Member)

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Welcome and Agenda Expectations – Jerry Hepler

NWCG Comments – Annie Benoit

Agenda Topics:

- **INVF and INTM Educational Page** - Fire Prevention and Education page for the new NIFC website currently in development, Carrie Bilbao
 - Brain and Shawn were selected to work with Carrie to develop the NIFC Fire Prevention website webpage. Rough draft of webpage is due to WFISC by February 5, 2021.
- **FI-110** - Revision update, Jeff Hendricks
 - Jeff, Ken and Richard are in the final stage of the FI-110 revision. Jeff is expecting to have the FI-110 package to Jesse by January 29, 2021.
- **Primary Membership** - Pros and Cons of multiple members from primary agencies, Jerry Hepler

- Jerry discussed the pros and cons of primary members having an alternate on the committee. The WFISC is open to the idea of primary agencies having an alternate. Also, Jerry is going reach out to the NPS to see if they are interested in placing a Wildland Fire Investigator on the WFISC.
- **Incident Position Descriptions and Position Task Books** - Revision of INVF and INTM, Shawn Zimmermaker
 - Shawn stated that the task group has reformatted, reviewed, updated and removed redundancy within the INVF and INTM IDP's and PTB's. The INVF IDP and PTB are close and should be ready for WFISC review soon. The INTM IDP and PTB has a recommended change from INTM to INTL. Also, some additional tasks for different types of incidents were added to the INTL PTB. The INTL IDP and PTB are close and should be ready for WFISC review soon.
- **FI-310** - Status and possibilities of virtual or blended delivery, Jerry Hepler
 - The WFISC is moving forward with a beta FI-310 on May 17, 2021 in Redding, CA. Jesse is currently updating the existing FI-310 to NWCG standards. Once that is complete, instructors will use the updated package to revise content for the beta class. Please let Jerry know if you are interested in being part of the FI-310 task group. Also, if you have not done so already, please submit any updates that you made to any part of the FI-310 package to Jerry.
- **FI-210** – Possibilities of Virtual or blended delivery, Jerry Hepler
 - The WFISC decided that in its current state FI-210 is not built to be taught over a virtual platform. The WFISC will explore ways to teach over a virtual platform as we move forward with the revision of FI-210.
- **PMS 412** - Standard v. Guide and revision update, John Bird
 - Alan lead the conversation, as John had a priority emerge. It was recommended that each agency discuss the pros and cons of having a guide v. standard to Wildland Fire Investigation with their respective leadership and attorneys before the next meeting on February 22, 2021. The task group (John, Shawn, Gary, and Alan) will continue with the revision and reformat the document to 8.5" x 11". A new timeline was discussed and adopted by the WFISC. The WFISC needs to deliver the PMS 412 revision to Jesse by late May 2022 for a publication date of September 2022.
- **NFPA 921** - Three levels of participation, Alan Carlson
 - The NFPA discussion was tabled until the February 22, 2021 meeting. Jerry will reach out to NFPA Technical Committee Chair Jim Shanley to see if he would like to join the February 22, 2021 meeting