

Wildland Fire Investigation Subcommittee (WFISC) Teams Call Agenda

DATE: July 3, 2024

TIME: 8:00 am PST

ATTENDANCE:

WFISC Members	In Attendance	WFISC Members	In Attendance
Shawn Zimmermaker (NASF, Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Theo Bailey (Associate Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Branden Smith (USFS Vice Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alan Carlson (Associate Member)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ryan Andrade/Davide Helmricks (NASF, Primary Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Engel (Associate Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Logan Briscoe (BLM, Primary Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scott Fischer (Associate Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brian Clavier (NASF, Primary Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Grimaldi (Associate Member)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ryan Finn (NASF, Alternate Member)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Henricks (Associate Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jon Handrick (NASF, Primary Member)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joe Hitselberger (Associate Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Steven Holmes (FWS, Primary Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Hudema (Associate Member)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kip Kemak (BIA, Alternate Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trevor Maynard (Associate Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vacant (NPS, Primary Member)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ken Ness (Associate Member)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Moyer (BIA, Primary Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brenda Rice (Associate Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teresa Rigby (BLM, Alternate Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Shanley (Associate Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sean West (USFS, Primary Member)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Terry Taylor (Associate Member)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carrie Bilbao (CEPC Liaison)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeremy Verdiel (Associate Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Katy O'Hara (NWCG Program Coordinator)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gary White (Associate Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jose Munguia (Support Staff)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Richard Woods (Associate Member)	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Rex Thompson (Associate Member)	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Shawn Brandow (Associate Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Agenda Topics:

- **CEPC/NWCG updates—Carrie Bilbao/Katy O’Hara**
 - **Investigator position task book revision, likely in 2026**
- **General Updates**
 - **X-900—Zimmermaker/Hitselberger**
 - **Draft will be ready in July for SC review**
 - **Archiving Project—Briscoe/Smith**
 - **Looking for people to help develop SharePoint**
 - **Three Teams sites currently being used. Plan to merge all into a single site**
 - **Teams access**
 - **Logan will try to troubleshoot**
 - **Trouble with NWCG WFISC webpage-reach out to Katy**
 - **PMS 412—Zimmermaker**
 - **Preface being developed**
 - **Timeline-trying to secure a professional editor. All comments review and addressed. Several outstanding items to discuss during the October meeting. Once the meeting is completed, goal is to have documented edited then sent to NWCG for publishing.**
 - **Publications are vetted through SMEs and all agencies under the NWCG umbrella**
 - **Editing—Zimmermaker**

- May have avenue for a professional editor. Need to secure funding. Smith and Zimmermaker exploring options with USFS and CAL FIRE.
 - FI-210—Task group
 - In person meeting evaluation
 - Develop a checklist of critical tasks for students to cover.
 - Teresa, Brenda, Sean
 - FI-310—Fischer
 - “How to” guide being developed for a lead instructor to host a class. Including pre-work, learning portal and in-class.
 - Draft may be available for review within a month
 - How to track who and where the class is put on? Needs to be addressed in October.
 - Reference Manual—Carlson
 - Members need to start reviewing chapters. As PMS 412, FI-210, and X-900 near completion, work is planned to shift towards reference manual.
- Studies Discussion—Shawn Zimmermaker
 - USFS
 - USFS evaluating two study proposals, one on FPI and another on a literature review of fire behavior and FPI
 - Joint Fire Science Program
 - Four proposals submitted to JFSP (two on FPI, one on a literature review of fire behavior and FPI, and a fourth on technology in wildfire investigations). These proposals were on their June Governing Board call and the Board will vote on which needs will turn into proposal solicitation topics in September.
- New Items—Group
 - Public comment tracking
 - NASA has a tracking system-Need to follow up with them
NWCG website allows for public comments/concerns
 - Comments need to be specific in problems and detailed in what should be changed and why.
 - Need for public comments?
 - Feedback from EB
 - How do other agencies take comment? CAL FIRE, BLM, USFS.
 - Attempting to set up a presentation for the EB in the near future
 - Topics include
 - Revision and comment tracking procedures/system
 - Public comment on documents
 - Need for research and studies in wildfire investigations
 - Challenges facing wildfire investigations
 - Details about in-person meeting to SC
- Next WFISC Microsoft Teams Meeting

Date: September 4, 2024
Time: 8:00 am PST
Location: Virtually on Microsoft Teams