

Wildland Fire Investigation Subcommittee (WFISC)

DATE: October 21-25, 2024

TIME: 8:30-4:30 MST

ATTENDANCE:

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

- Roster Review-Shawn Zimmermaker
 - Missing representation from NPS, DoD, NASA.
 - Need primary agencies to add alternatives
 - Add FLETC representation to the subcommittee
 - Goal of adding FLETC is to add an SME for sections of PMS 412 and FI-210 and to assist in developing courses for forensic photography and evidence collection.
 - Action Item-Logan to set up a follow up call in several weeks.
 - Federal Law Enforcement Training and Accreditation (FLDA)
 - Action item-Logan to look into training and accreditation opportunities
- Need to develop subcommittee Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)
 - Action item-Shawn and Branden to develop SOPs over next several months.
 - To include:
 - Member work assignments. Each member will be assigned to certain documents and/or chapters. Goal is to increase turn around time on revisions and updates. PMS 412 and FI-210, in particular, need to be updated on a timelier basis, ideally every three years to align with other materials
- Check website for issues
 - Check for issue or recommendation
 - Will need support of FI-310 website
 - Directions for our courses
 - Logan Briscoe, Jim Shanely, Ryan Andrade, Kip Kemak.
- First Responders arson recognition project
 - Task group to include-Hill, Briscoe, Zimmermaker. Open to others.
- Random
 - More “X” classes to focus on different cause class or specialties (i.e., photography, evidence collection)
 - Advanced or additional investigation courses
 - VR training
- NWCG and Liaison Updates| Katy O’Hara and Carrie Bilbao
 - Carrie is in the process of transitioning the CEPC chair to Angie Lane
 - Kenny Jaramillo, CEPC rep for the BIA, will be taking over as WFISC liaison
- Funding/Budget/NWCG update | Katy O’Hara and Shawn Zimmermaker
 - Roster update needs to be complete by end of November
 - Requests for funding in 2026 will be due by mid-January. Requests will go to EB in March.
 - Action Items
 - Tentative funding requests for research funding and X-902 revision
 - May need to request more funding to finalize FI-310 revision
 - 2026 will need to look at our two positions, INVF and INVL
 - Need a meeting with training to look at removing INVL
 - EB meets every third week of month, prior to presentation, a check list must be completed
 - Action Items
 - Get on calendar, Discussion topics to include:
 - Funding for studies and research
 - Need more training classes and continued education
 - Public comments, wanted or not? If yes, need software to better track
 - Need software to track changes and why they occurred
 - Need an equivalent to NFPA 1033 for wildfire
- Studies |Shawn Zimmermaker
 - Cal Poly Humboldt studies will be completed this spring and available for a presentation.
 - JFSP reviewing proposals, WFISC submitted two.
 - USFS is moving forward with one proposed studied. The status on a second is pending.
 - Babrauskas/Parker working on follow up study

- Other opportunities to look into
 - Missoula
 - Berkeley
 - Simeoni has a pending study
 - DoD lands are easier to burn on
 - Get them on SC
 - VR training
 - Canadian members have the funding, plots, and equipment but need researchers
 - **Action item: Agency folks need to look for funding and land**
- Archiving Update | Logan Briscoe
 - Still working on developing a better archiving method
 - Looking at how to expand to non-members
 - Link to NWCG website
 - NASA comment tracking project
 - Need to improve library
 - Need to improve comments, tracking, and archiving of changes
- Reference Manual Update | Alan Carlson
 - Will provide an update on January Teams call
- FI-310 | Scott Fischer
 - Learning Portal
 - New contractor caused it to be down for a month or so. Same software runs it, but it had a number of updates
 - New layout,
 - General FI-310
 - Cheat sheet/checklist/set up
 - Draft in place. 27 pages.
 - How to put on the class document.
 - Do we want to continue with INTL?
 - Does FI-310 need a position and a task book?
 - Need to vote
 - Need to develop an FI-310 course request form. Requests goes to Chair/Vice Chair
 - Who is allowed into the course
 - Hopes to have everything done by end of year
 - **Action Items**
 - **WFISC voted to get rid of INTL. Route up NWCG chain of command**
 - **How does NWCG get the feedback from the WFLP?**
 - **Determine what NWCG needs for final approvals of the class**
 - **Double check on accreditation process through NWCG for our course.**
- Backing Fire | Jeff Henricks
- PMS 412 final review
 - Finalized WFISC review.
 - Return document to editor for formatting and final editor comments
 - Once returned from editor, submit to NWCG for publishing
 - Publishing needs 6-8 weeks for turn around.
 - Tentative goal is to have PMS 412 available by spring 2025
 - **Action Item: Finalize FI-210 updates.**
 - **Action Items: Items to consider for next revision**
 - **Is there a need to better define backing fire in glossary. Consider using Cheney or Finney or Beaufait. (Jeff, Ken, and Branden)**
 - **Need to further explain exceptions/variance**
 - **Need to further explain backing fire**

- Variance v exception terminology
- NFPA 1321 Update |Jim Shanley
 - Overview on 1321 and how it impacts agencies and privates.
 - OSAC does not have a wildfire investigation subcommittee member/representative
- FireSat |Ann Kapusta & Brian Collins
 - Earth Fire Science Non-Profit
 - Early adopter program.
 - Currently has CAL FIRE, ODF and Colorado Fire and Forestry, Eastern New South Wales
 - Looking for more-Portugal AGIF
- IAWF article/New Business/Projects, Next meeting and Closing | Shawn Zimmermaker
 - Chair and Vice Chair remain the same
 - Consider establishing a second in person meeting in the spring
 - Check with NASF to see if funding for travel is there
 - **Next meeting in Denver over the week of October 20th**