

WFM National Meeting May 6th, 2019

Roll Call: Denowh

Introduction:

- NWCG website – Work in progress, hope to have additional features up and running soon.
- This is your meeting so speak up.

PMS 430-1 Update.

- Still being updated.
- 2 corrections this spring
 - Core 4: clarified. Run up the chain if there are issues.
 - Scale removed from mandatory equipment.
- Contact Kelly if there are questions or suggestions.

Certification Process:

- All modules must certify under 2019 version
- Certification checklist must be completed this season. If not signed this season, forward the 2013 certification with 2019 preparedness.
- If lost T1 status for 2 years, must recertify at the regional level.
- Every Module must complete the annual certification, send to the GACC, Jason_fallon@nps.gov, and Kelly Boyd.
- Questions:
 - Detailer discussion. Must have all required qualifications to go out as a Type 1.

Field Guide with Jay Yancick.

- Current guide good through 2020
- 12 month process to produce the 2020 guide.
 - January 2020 should have a good idea of what changes will be make.
 - October 2020 - Finished product.
 - January 2021 – Printer will contact lead for final approval.
 - Proofs published for review
 - Shared with working group for 3 day review
 - Minor edits made
 - Final print run
 - February/March product delivered.
- Seeking input from all to help make the guide better.
- Working group. Improvements, clarifications, deletions, additions...
 - John Freeman – Columbine
 - Nick Foey – Snow Creek
 - Jordan Black – SE region
 - Brett or Kathryn – DOI
 - Shelby – Platte Cyn
- Contact Jay at jay_yancick@nps.gov or call 520-405-4647 to participate.

- All Agency reps will need to know how many guides will be needed for their group by Feb 1, 2021.

Standardized Type 1 PDs - Ashleigh D'Antonio

- Not much has happened. Frankie Romero/Beth Lund (Detailed/moved on):
 - Linda Chappell 120 day detailee (vice: Romero)
 - The PDs were created in 2014
 - Approved but not released pending Ops Group approval
 - Currently Regions hold the authority over PDs for WFM
 - Target should be the 2020 Fire Hire for release per Romero
 - National Ops group is discussing how many T1 WFM and where as well as funding. No decisions yet. (ongoing since 2014)
 - Interest in WFM use is high. Mostly due to Line Officers looking to use WFM to help accomplish fuels targets. Includes a desire to prioritize Fuels accomplishments over suppression.
 - Ashleigh to send out the PDs to all. Lead and Assistant.
 - Losing modules due to being overqualified for grade levels.
 - Wymer – feedback has not changed since 2014. As a WFM group we need to push this issue. Willing to help in any way.
 - Jordan McKnight – will bring this up with the R1 Ops group and talk to Kim Christiansen.
 - Chris Scott – Whiskey Flat, Is National kicking this to the Regional Ops groups?
 - Ted Adams – Worth attempting to coordinate a meeting in the fall in Boise to present to prior to the FireHire event?
 - Email Ashleigh with interest in helping out.
 - Wymer is in.
 - Denowh – try to present to your OPS group.

Communications: Ted Adams

- Seeking IHC like system. Inter-crew communications plan.
- All DOI or USDA: There are 4 common use frequencies that NIFC would prefer that we use.
- Kelly to disperse to all. 4 Frequencies and lots of tones. Coordinate through your regional communication group.
- If someone is using your frequency, switch frequency, but keep the same tone.
 - Frequency 1 is FS work.
 - Remaining 3 are “available for use.”
- Logistical Inter-crew Communication Frequency

Updates for Camera/Sat communications: Shawn Denowh

- Per the Tech Group, regions may be buying satellite data in bulk beginning with the 2020 season. This would mean we don't have to buy our own anymore.
- Lots of equipment out there that is becoming more affordable each year. Be sure to pay attention to your upload and download speeds. Some are slower than dial up.

- Cloudcasters is one rental option for both communications and remote cameras: Gear would reside on the incident and no have to be pulled every two weeks.
 - <http://cloudcasters.com/forest-package.html>
 - 1.866.978.7555
- Rory Anderton: Cascade uses http://www.groundcontrol.com/BGAN_Explorer_510.htm and has had good success with it.

Drones: Kelly Boyd

- Pushing to the National groups that Modules would be the place to house the Drone program.
- Challenge all to approach your Aviation groups/overhead. Sell yourself as the best qualified for the training, etc.
 - Capability to charge
 - Tech heavy already
 - Ability to produce a product
- Creation of a FireNet account shared by all Modules is close.
 - Chair host or manage or delegate.
 - Call information would be available on Google Drive.
 - Most will receive view authority with a select few as editors.

Opened up for discussion:

- Ted Adams: Thanks Kelly!
- Eric from Kaniksu: Uda Kit a good satellite option.
 - Willing to help with Fire Net account
- Alex – Lewis & Clark
 - What has happened with the proposal to look into training crew bosses on a module?
 - Kelly will respond after researching.
 - Ted: Most Red Card Committees will accept ink, but require a 20 person for the final.
- Shawn – Co-locate and time mod meeting.