

# NWCG Interagency Fire Planning Committee

Monthly Meeting Notes

January 30, 2014

Attendees			
X	Reeve Armstrong: BIA – Vice Chair		Elaine Waterbury: NWCG Branch
	Scott Bradshaw – Associate		Tami Parkinson: FS
	Steve Larrabee – Associate		Marlena Hovorka: FS (cc)
X	Laura Barrett: FS – Primary		Jaymee Fojtik: FPA Liaison
	Bob Sommer – Associate		Dan Smith: NASF – Associate
X	Becky Brooks: FWS – Primary		Mark Lichtenstein: FS (cc)
X	Tate Fischer: BLM – Chair	X	Jenna Sloan: OWF (cc)
	Mary Huffman: TNC – Liaison (cc)	X	Ben Butler: IFPC Exec. Asst.
X	Jeff Scott (NPS)	X	Annie Benoit (Detailer WFM-RD&A)
		X	Jesse Duhnkrack

## Issues/Discussions/Actions:

- November/December meeting notes were approved for release. Ben will get them published to the NWCG website.

## **Workforce Development Website Update (Annie Benoit)**

- Annie presented an overview of the work to date with some questions for the group.
- The group commended Annie for the efforts to date and all agreed that she is on the right track and things are looking great.
- A working meeting will be scheduled for Thursday or Friday (2/6-7). Tate Fischer will send a Doodle Poll to the group to see about availability for those dates.

## **Strategic, Long-term Fire Planning (Jenna Sloan)**

- Interior Fire Executive Council is looking to provide executive support to fire planning and the future of fire planners.
  - IFPC Members are encouraged to talk with their IFEC representatives regarding this topic for the upcoming meeting.
- Where do we need executive support and what are those specific needs?
- **What is a fire planner or what do they do?**
  - Mary Huffman has put together a PowerPoint with a definition of “Fire Planner”
  - **ACTION ITEM** – Tate will share a copy of this document with the entire group.
  - The duties and responsibilities can vary depending on agency, and even by duty station.
  - There isn’t always broad understanding or a connection to what fire planners are responsible for and their specific duties on a day-to-day basis.
  - Additionally, there is not a set number of fire planners across agencies.
- Fire planning is at the crux of what we do in fire management and unfortunately (as is the case with many other areas of fire management)

budget reductions and changes in priorities have caused a decline in the ability for fire planners to accomplish the important work that they do.

### **NPS Fire Management Planning** (Jesse Duhnkrack)

- Jesse provided an overview of what is being done in the Park Service with regard to Fire Management Planning and the involvement of the Fire Management Leadership Board.

### **Preparedness Plans** (Jesse Duhnkrack)

- This topic was binned due to a lack of time at this meeting.

### **Large Fire Conference Presentation** (Brooks/Fischer)

- Tate and Becky are submitting an abstract based on the Spatial FMP effort (start to finish) and the long-term assessment / SOPL position.
  - Focused on the spatial display of information
  - Becky is trying to get travel money to attend the conference
  - Ben will be attending the conference
  - Marlana will be attending the conference
  - If Becky gets travel money she will be the priority presenter; if not, Marlana and/or Ben can do the presentation.

### **Transition of Chair** (Fischer)

- Tate Fischer will be vacating his current position and therefore a new chair will need to be assigned. His last day will be March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- NWCG All-Chairs Meeting Attendance
  - February 11-13
  - Tate will be attending this meeting and feels that it would be good for another IFPC member to attend.
  - With Becky and Laura already committed to another obligation and Reeve not having travel dollars, Tate will be the only IFPC member attend the meeting.

### **Bin Items**

- NPS Preparedness Plans (Duhnkrack)

### **Upcoming Meetings and Dates:**

February 11-13: All-chairs meeting

February 14: Valentine's Day

February 17: President's Day (off)

February 27: Standing IFPC Meeting

February 28: Tate's party

March 7: Tate's last day in the office

March 9: Daylight Savings Time begins