

NWCG Interagency Fire Planning Committee

Monthly Meeting Notes

May 29th, 2014

Attendees			
X	Reeve Armstrong: BIA – Chair	X	Elaine Waterbury: NWCG Branch
X	Laura Barrett: FS	X	JR: BLM
X	Becky Brooks: FWS/NPS	X	Ben Butler: IFPC Exec. Asst.

Issues/Discussions/Actions:

- Ben will be re-sending the meeting minutes from the January and February meetings for final approval. Please respond by next Wednesday.

Fire and Fuels Planning website update

- Due to technical difficulties with not having the NWCG website ready the committee decided to temporarily host the portal on the FRAMES website. Development will continue on FRAMES until the NWCG website is ready.
- NWCG is meeting with the PMU next week to finalize the templates for the new NWCG website.
- The NWCG website will have a committee page that holds the information that is currently hosted on the website. This page will be standard for all the committees.
- From the committee landing page there will be a link to the Fire and Fuels Planning Learning Portal.
- The portal that we build does not have to follow any template. We have the freedom to develop the page however we would like.

USFS National Fire Planner Meeting

Mary was not on the call and Laura gave the following summary of what happened. Mary Huffman facilitated a session at the USFS National Fire Planner Meeting on how the public can get involved in the fire planning process. The information was very detailed and received well by the group.

Forests and Rangelands Website Update

- The committee has \$25,000 obligated to host information about spatial fire planning on the forestsandrangelands.gov website.
- Becky spoke with Dick Bahr who felt that the Forests and Rangelands website would be a great place for the spatial fire planning information to live.
- The committee discussed the pros and cons of using forests and rangelands and what the role of FRAMES might be .
- The committee will meet again in the near future to discuss how best to utilize the dollars and the web presence after Becky meets with Dick Bahr

Spatial Fire Management Plan Template Update

- There is more work to do on the template before it is ready to be shared.
- A decision needs to be made as to whether this template will be interagency or if it will be individual agency guidance (due to the fact the the Forest Service is not included in all of the template).
- **ACTION ITEM** - Ben will send to Doodle Poll to the group to find a time to work on the template.

Evolving Incident Management

- There is movement forward on this and some things are moving faster than others. More feedback from the field is required and will be gathered before more movement can occur.

NWCG Glossary Update

- IFPC has stewardship over 4 glossary terms and of those 4, three received comments.
- The NWCG needs changes finalized by June 15, 2014
- Becky will work with Elaine to finalize the terminology and final definitions then send the information out to the group.
- From there, the terminology needs to go the the FMC for final approval (where there is shared stewardship between IFPC and FMC).
- There will be another round this fall.

Open Floor

- Reeve Armstrong reported that the BIA has released their Spatial Fire Management Plan Template and Guide. The guide and template went out as a memo and has been extremely well received. Reeve has been getting calls from interested folks and is building a list.
- With fire season coming quickly the committee will be moving to a more informal meeting schedule. Committee members are encouraged to work together on committee tasks outside of formal meetings and if there are tasks that require a vote or a more formal meeting please email the group to request a meeting.