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Next call: TBD

### Welcome

Meeting Facilitator: Sean Triplett, NIFC

Attendance:

Conference Call Attendees				
BIA	BLM	DOI OWF	FWS	NPS
Joe Kafka	<del>Dianna Sampson</del>	Andrew Bailey	Cameron Tongier	Kathie Hansen
Luther Arizana	Lance Brady	Susan Goodman		Dave Hammond
				Skip Edel
USFS	USFS (cont.)	Eastern States	Western States	Other
Sean Triplett	Jill Kuenzi	Curt Stripling	John Watermolen	
Brad Quayle	Andy Wilson		Emmor Nile	
Lorri Peltz-Lewis	Elise Bowne			
Autumn Mason	Alison Fletcher			
Dale Guenther				

### Agenda:

Item	Lead
GSTOP Update	Kathie Hansen
Data Standards Update	Sean Triplett
Fuels Standard	Joe Kafka
2014 GISS Webinar	Kathie/Sean
GTU Update	Emmor Nile
GSC Status Update	Sean
ESRI Storybook Demo	Crystal Rose

### **GSTOP Update – Kathie Hansen**

- Edits still in progress with Nancy Win (editor). Edits hoped to be done by 1/24/14. NWCG review comments are being dealt with. Sean also has NWCG changes to make. Hardcopy publications were brought up to Elaine Waterbury and Cindy Wolf (NWCG contractor filling in behind Allen Deitz for approx. 1 year, works with editorial/products). Due to publication surplus from the last order by BLM (2000 left over from original order of 5000), hard copies are being discouraged. NWCG and National Cache moving away from paper publications with the idea that people can print off what they need and bind large publications themselves. Anticipate \$12-20 per copy and no minimum order if insistent on some hardcopies.
- NWCG and WFIT need to coordinate efforts with iBooks, since pdf's are not ePublications. Lance Brady will check with Nancy Win and Publications to see about other options. Question: do we have to go through GPO?

### **Data Standards Update – Sean Triplett**

- Sean will continue to work with Cindy Wolf. Per Kathie, data standards that were up for review were fire occurrence points, and fire history polygons, and fuels standard. These are proposed standards as of now. Internal review was eliminated. Daily fire perimeters are part of fire history.

### **Fuels Standard – Joe Kafka**

- Fuels treatment standard is getting close to going out for review (expected ready for review in 1-2 weeks). Used some of Skip and Kathie's work (core attribute standards) and took some fields out. Will push through NWCG and work with Kathie once it is complete.

### **2014 GISS Webinar – Kathie Hansen/Sean Triplett**

- Scheduled for Wednesday, February 12 at 13:00 Eastern Time, and Thursday, May 1 at 13:00 Mountain time. People who presented last year should be getting emails. Want different agencies to be represented. Per Emmor, will use same powerpoint as last year. Sean will get call in/webinar info to Autumn and she will post on GSC website.

### **GTU Update – Emmor Nile**

- S-341 in Boise during the last week in February this year has a large waiting list. BLM Training Center is responsible for pre-work material. There have been problems with everyone being able to get access to this.
- The problem with this course is that many students do not get qualified as GISS once the course is completed. Instructors/course coordinators need to emphasize that students

need to make concerted efforts to get themselves qualified.

- Per Lorri, LA county is putting on their own GISS class (not NWCG sponsored) and have had to turn away students due to high demand of this class.
- Emmor has updated NWCG course coordinators guide for S-341.

### **GSC Status Update – Sean Triplett**

- It was recommended to Erik Torrez that GSC is still an NWCG entity. Recharter process has been done. Committee status is preferred. WFIT and NWCG need to work out how they want their relationship with GSC to be. Executive meeting in March should (hopefully) determine the status of GSC.
- Other: The WFIT Fire Management Board (FMB) is evaluating functional area alignment. They are looking to identify “like” applications. There are 22 applications total within GIS and Fire Weather that are being reviewed. The FMB wants to make investments more efficient. Examples of GIS applications include; EGP, FIMT, Landfire, and Geomac. Examples of Fire Weather applications include; Roman, WIMS, and Fire Family Plus. We need a proposal on how to make our applications more efficient or need to justify stand-alone applications. Sean will be looking to GSC members for help with this in upcoming weeks. Send email to Sean if interested in helping.

### **ESRI Storybook Demo – Crystal Rose**

- Crystal is out with the flu. Demo will be tabled until February meeting.
- ESRI Storybook is being used for fuels reduction projects – John Watermolen is willing to share.

### **Closing Comments:**

- Next call will be in February – date/time TBA
- Annual Spring meeting will be virtual due to travel caps

*Thank you to everyone for attending the call! If you notice any major errors in my note-taking, please let me know and I will correct them ASAP.*  
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