

FEWT Ground Ignition Task Group Spring 2008 Meeting Minutes

Location: BIA Southwest Regional Office, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Members Present:

Wesley Throop, FS
Charlie Elliott, FS
Mike Dueitt, FS
Carl Romnes, BIA
Larry Anderson, FWS
Jeff Schardt, FWS

Members Needed:

Representative from a western state

Forest Service representative to replace Charlie who will be retiring

March 24th

Agency Updates

Wes- MTDC projects, terra torch, ATV torch, ATV mounted PSD, plastic sphere launcher, and liquid gelling agent.

Larry – Discussed USFWS experiences with Marine Corps terra torch program

Guide Chapters

The group discussed the contents of the guide. The following draft chapters have been completed and are ready for review:

Introduction to the Interagency Ground Ignition Guide

Drip Torches

Fusees

Power Torches

ATV Torches

Terra Torches

Propane Torches

Flares and Flare Launchers

The following draft chapters are under development:

Plastic Spheres

Matches

Blivets

The group spent the remainder of the day reviewing the Introduction and Drip Torch chapters of the guide

March 25th

Guide Chapters

The group spent the day reviewing the Fusee and Power Torch chapters of the guide.

March 26th

Guide Chapters

The group spent the day reviewing the ATV Torch chapter of the guide.

Next Meeting

The next Ground Ignition Task Group meeting will be held November 4th, 5th, and 6th in Memphis Tennessee. Mike will send additional information on the meeting location and lodging at a later date.