

FEWT Ground Ignition Task Group Spring 2009 Meeting Minutes

Location: Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office, Bloomington Minnesota

Members Present:

Wesley Throop, FS
Carl Romnes, BIA
Larry Anderson, FWS
Jeff Schardt, FWS
Chris Farinetti, BLM

Members Needed:

Representative from a western state

Forest Service representative to replace Charlie Elliott who retired

March 10th

Guide Chapters

The group spent the day reviewing the Propane Torch and Flare Launcher chapters of the guide.

March 11th

Guide Chapters

The group spent the day reviewing the Flare Launcher and Plastic Spheres and Sphere Launcher chapters of the guide.

March 12th

Guide Chapters

The group completed review of the Blivet chapter of the guide and reviewed information that should be submitted to FWS management to allow resumption of use of the mini terra torch. The blivet chapter was the final chapter of the guide left to review. The next step will be to have the draft guide edited and formatted by the MTDC publications staff. The edited and formatted version will then be sent to the task group, ETC, and selected field personnel for review.

Next Meeting

The next Ground Ignition Task Group meeting is tentatively scheduled for the spring of 2010 at a yet to be determined location. The current plan is to not have a fall 2009 meeting to allow time for editing and formatting of the guide.