

National Wildland Fire and Aviation System Coordination Group (SCG)

Meeting Minutes

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Current Action Item Review and Update:

- Meeting notes from the 19-Jan-2007 meeting were accepted.

Round Robin:

Erik Torres (NPS):

- NPS is reorganizing; Mike Wallace is now the "Chief." A couple more people are coming to Boise for Structural Fire. Tom Nichols is the Deputy Fire Director.
- NFAEB is being absorbed into NWCG.

Rick Mills (AMD):

- Rick Mills and AMD are backing away from the IRMWT and SCG. Upper management in AMD is not endorsing continued participation.
- Rick will continue to support the I-COOP task.
- Other SCG members expressed concern about AMDs decision to no longer attend.

Carolyn Chase (USFS Research):

- None

Keith Smith (NASF):

- FORS Study is complete. The final report will be delivered to NFAEB on 21-Feb-2007.

Mike Barrowcliff (USFS):

- USFS has a new monthly system status report; Mike Barrowcliff will send it out to all SCG members
- USFS has an A-76 review scheduled for July 2007
- The National Enterprise Service (NES) is progressing on big IBM iron
- WFDSS is being hosted at NITC; it may be incorporated into NES in 2008.
- USFS is moving toward a centralized architecture at NITC
- The NES implementation targets 1-Apr-2007 for migrating ROSS, ICBS, and the data warehouse; to be synchronized with some major software releases
- Old equipment will be used as a warm-standby and test site in Beltsville, MD
- Fiscal people backed out of the Enterprise Service Bus (ESB). Ownership and budgetary issues have not been resolved
- WildCAD - USFS is still looking at accepting WildCAD as a national application and the BLM is involved in the evaluation
- LANDFIRE - Working on an O&M plan and keeping the existing product distinctly separate from any potential future enhancements.
- Al Borup's questions:
 - Data warehouse - Fire occurrence and weather in one place, using COGNOS to access the data at NITC using a geospatial interface and multidimensional searches. Is this like IBM's WebSphere?
 - Response - Not quite, it is more of a reporting system that stores data locally and not like WebSphere that links data across system boundaries.
 - Is Allen Deitz in the loop for data standards for WildCAD?
 - Response - Yes, but DAWG does not seem responsive.
 - Al Borup will look into the topic.

Al Borup (PMO):

- Blueprint - A core business team owns the blueprint. Business people are making progress. The model being built looks valuable
- The Enterprise Architecture repository will use DOI's DEAR at NBC. NWFEA has its own instance; it is populated with DOI data.

- Al is working on a generic operating Principles and Guidelines template for all NWCG groups.

David Potter (BIA):

- Considered moving SCG meeting to the FWS/BIA conference room in the Jack Wilson Building (at Andrea's suggestion). Scheduling conflicts do not permit long term commitment for the room on every fourth Friday morning. The SCG will continue to meet in the USFS conference room on the 2nd floor of the old Admin building.

CTSPTG (Erik Torres):

- CTSPTG is looking at using thin clients in the fire camps. They are prototyping it this year with 50 thin clients.
- Each team needs to provide its own server.
- Will run in parallel with laptops "just in case..."
- HP will provide thin client hardware (\$30K-\$40K for 50 clients)

DisasterHelp.gov (David Potter):

- The SCG has agreed to stop using DisasterHelp.gov at this time. E-mail and the NWCG web site seem to provide enough communication paths.

Interagency COOP (Rick Mills):

- The group needs sideboards on the scope of the project.
- SCG would "own" the final product
- We see this as an iterative approach where the deliverables are focused upon small "doable" pieces.

Change in Daylight Savings Time (Erik Torres):

- DOI's Active Directory requires client's clocks to be within 24 hours of "correct" time to connect to the domain.
- Microsoft has pushed out a patch for the change in when DST occurs (3 weeks earlier in the Spring, 1 week later in the Fall).

IT System Inventory (Al Borup):

- Repeated his request for SCG members to review his list of fire systems; due by 20-Feb-2007.

Helpdesk Study & GIS Position (Mike Barrowcliff):

- BLM's A-76 process may be drawing to a close; we may have an opportunity to make headway on our Interagency Helpdesk report.
- A new shared BLM-USFS GIS position will be involved with the USFS's data warehouse.

Future SCG Meetings (David Potter):

- Tentative dates for future SCG meetings are:
 - 16-Mar-2007
 - 13-Apr-2007
 - 11-May-2007
 - 8-Jun-2007
 - 6-Jul-2007
 - 3-Aug-2007
 - 31-Aug-2007
 - 28-Sep-2007
 - 26-Oct-2007
 - 30-Nov-2007 (delayed one week because of Thanksgiving Day holiday)
 - 21-Dec-2007
 - 18-Jan-2008