

**National Wildfire Coordinating Group  
Wildland Fire Education Working Team**

Meeting Minutes  
October 24-26, 2000  
Anchorage, AK

Members present: Lou Southard, Connie Rudd, Ed Kirtley, Rick Gibson, Roberta D'Amico, Cathy Rezabeck, Laurel Simos, Maureen Brooks

Tuesday, October 24  
Project Updates

Arson Project Update – The grant period is completed and the consolidated report is in the final stages of editing. In total, nine projects were funded for the purpose of providing some assistance to fire organizations which were attempting to find innovative ways to approach the prevention of arson related fires. Of the nine projects, the State of Oregon project modeled after the neighborhood watch concepts shows the most potential for replication. The consolidated report will be available this fiscal year and will be made available on the web. It was the consensus of the team that while the grant project may have produced one or two viable projects, the team would not venture into this type of project again. This project has provided some background information for basic arson prevention methods. The team discussed the need to develop a national repository of information which collects data on wildland arson fires and profiling.

Communicator's Guide – This project with Ohio State University is continuing and will be completed in the fiscal year. The team will develop a mailing list for the project which will be shipped to individuals but will also be on the Electronic Bibliography.

Fire Ecology Brochure – This project was delayed due to the summer fire season. It will be completed and available in the fiscal year.

Distribution Center – The agreement with the Center of Excellence is incomplete at this time. It will be finalized before the brochure and communicator's guide are completed in the spring.

Electronic Bibliography – The team has received very good feedback on this project. It will be updated in this fiscal year and additional topics will be included.

Web site Design – The team discussed updating the design of the Working Team page and the NWCG page in general. The team will propose in the FY 2002 budget to take on the task of managing and re-designing the entire NWCG web site.

Hotmail Email List – This list will be prepared by the chair and use will begin in the spring.

FY2000 – The team reviewed accomplishments in FY 2000.

FY2001 – Team and project assignments were made for FY 2001.

Publications Management System – The team identified a representative to this committee.

Strategic Planning 2002-2004 - The Team discussed and prioritized projects for the next fiscal year and engaged in a planning and visioning exercise for long term planning.

Future meetings - January 29-30, 2001 – San Antonio, TX  
May 15-16, 2001 – Boise, ID  
October 23-25, 2001 – Luray, VA

The team met with the Alaska Interagency Wildland Fire Coordinating Group at their annual meeting to discuss the activities of the team and the needs of the group.

Team members toured the Millers Reach Fire and areas north of Anchorage and discussed public fire education needs with representatives of the Alaska Forest Service.