

NWCG – Wildland Fire Education Working Team
Conference Call Minutes
December 12, 2005

In Attendance: Roberta D'Amico, Lew Southard, John Owens, Germaine White, Bernie Andersen, Robin Hanford, Maureen Brooks

Budget Discussion and Team approval – Maureen to finalize and send to team, for decision on Thursday

Training update(s)

- Prev/Ed - discussed task book issue. Rick to send Maureen his documentation. Maureen to prepared a position paper and send out to IOS and team. Lew to follow up with phone call.
- P-101- John – the material to be reviewed has been sent out to the area folks for review. The comments are due back by year's end but and Jeannette will compile comments and send back to contractor.
- S-203 – Roberta – Scheduled the first beta course in February in Texas. They have made some very good changes to the course.
- P-301 – At the January meeting we need to have a thorough discussion about the future course. Lew has approximately \$80,000 and the WFEWT has app. \$30,000 in FY2006. The proposed plan is to do an RFP in 2006 for a multi-year contract to obligate and begin work before August 2006. Before the RFP can go out, there has to be a concrete plan for what this course would look like – a detailed work plan.

Others - include in January agenda: We need to discuss the intermediate course.

Continuing the Fire Messages beyond initial start-up – there was a lot of effort put into the project and there is a need to continue to be sure the messaging gets into the products/training. May want to consider reissuing the Fire Messages in the spring.

Backyards and Beyonds presentation - status - Robin. The proposal is due at the end of December. Robin reviewed the outline for the presentation that is also available on email.

Communicators Guide - Update – Bernie – A conference call was held last Thursday with Bill Sweet, Amy, Lew, Germaine and Bernie. The outline for the new guide was reviewed and a revised outline will be available before the January meeting. This will be an agenda item for the January meeting. They would like to have Amy Schneider at the January meeting.

NWCG web status – Roberta – Most of the web page has been updated. The bibliography is still to be updated.

Ops' plan Status - Touch base with group - draft to be sent electronically before January meeting

3rd International Fire Congress Proposal – John – The team was accepted to sponsor a half day session. Maureen is to confirm with the Congress that we accept the session. We need to discuss the areas that will be focused on during the session. John will re-send the topic areas to the team.

Info Sharing - Boy Scout Badge - John Owens – A wildland fire management merit badge is being proposed and John will be making a presentation to the National Fire Management Leadership Board for their support. The plan now is to build support within the fire agencies then make a presentation to the national Boy Scout council in 2006.

Info Sharing, Fire Timeline, Fire Case Studies, NPS Fire History [at: <http://data2.itc.nps.gov/fire/index.cfm>] E-fire [<http://www.efire.org/>] – Roberta - using the above links you will find a project that NPS has been working on. An announcement regarding the timeline, case studies and fire history will be prepared. The e-fire notation is for a fire book bibliography.

Logistics – there is a logistics problem with the hotel in Salt Lake City. The team would like to keep the same dates but would like to change the location. We will provide logistics by the end of the week.

PNW Fire Prevention Meeting – Lew and Rick will be in attendance and will staff the NWCG exhibit. We will make sure there are sufficient handouts for the event.

May meeting – The meeting will be held the week of May 1, 2006.