

NFDRS 2016 GEOGRAPHIC AREA MEETING NOTES- January 21, 2021

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GA Rollcall- (bold= present)

Northern Rockies- **Chad Pickering**

Rocky Mountains- **Alison Richards/Gwenan Poirier**

Southwest- **Abie Carabejal/Chuck Maxwell**

Great Basin- **Shelby Law**/Linda Chappell/Craig Glazier

Pacific SW- **Jana Luis/Chris Waverek/Amy Ziegler**/John Newman

Pacific NW- **Ben Curtis/Tim Klukas/Boone Zimmerlee/Matt Mackey**

Southern- **Allan Hepworth**/Jon Wallace

Eastern- **Ray Parrish/ Steve Marien/** Scott Swendsen

Alaska- **Chris Moore**

NFDRS Steering Committee

USFS- Clint Cross

BIA- Steve Larabie

BLM- **Shelby Law**

NFDRS Sub Committee

USFWS- Jon Wallace

NPS- **Miranda Stuart**

NOAA- Heath Hockenberry

RMRS- Matt Jolly

BLM- Marley Marshall

FFP- Faith Ann Heinsch

January AGENDA

1. GA status discussion (GA's need to be prepared with current transition status)
2. Identify any new issues or road blocks
3. Discussion time- questions, concerns, input for future
 - Needs for SME/FFP helpers to assist in getting closer to the transition goal.
 - Virtual training efforts they have completed and would like to share on the NWCG site
 - Input for existing training modules that need to be adjusted, re-vamped, enhanced to assist in future trainings
 - 491 virtual completed in California
 - Fuel Model fitting issues; Matt is helping
 - March 15-17th wkshp in NC

ROLLOUT UPDATES:

- <https://arcg.is/1aa8Lq>

- <http://ifplpal.pythonanywhere.com/r5fs>

-Timeline has not changed, DOI units have adjusted to May 3rd with policy letter

-BP elevating concerns and issues is in the pipeline

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-You tube videos for virtual training in progress, will be put on the NWCG NFDRS site in the “library”

-RAWS summit in January, good place to bring up data concerns

-Feb 16-18th NFDRS symposium on fire learning portal, sign up and learn

-491 coaches needed for virtual (contact Faith Ann Heinsch

-FEMS; Shelby is business lead. Alpha version coming in May- looking for 10 stations to be included. Interagency stations, dispersed across, non-RAWS. SEND NAMES to SHELBY-- DUE DATE: 2wks from now.

GA Status-

NR- 3 out for signature, 5 close behind with Draft's- signature by mid-feb. ND & Montana- by May

RM- 2 flipped, 7 in-progress meeting early May date.

SW- Several units won't make January, but working to get there by fire season. Developing FDOP and Subordinate at once, all will be interagency, dispatch boundary issues that needed to change. Dispatch workshop in a few weeks to discuss. 2016 Rx policy issues- no current dashboard to reflect local fire danger

GB- Virtual wkshp next week, follow up with in person. On track for May 1st

PSW- CALFIRE shooting for March, analysis video completed, focused on evaluation.

PNW- Blended units on track for May 3rd. 1 USFS unit needing draft plan to be adjusted. Fire directors and State Foresters sent out a letter to remind and emphasize the deadline was very helpful. ODF on track now with USFS. Looking to re-align NWS forecast zones with FDRAs. (NE Washington)

Eastern Area- 4 completed and signed. End of Jan- 5 more. Feb- last batch. Will end up with 10 FDOPs total . 2021 discussion related to “approval” role. Continuing maintenance in progress. 3 SME's submitted to Laura Barrett. NWS zones are being discussed related to changes in NFDRS FDOP.

Southern Area- **STILL NEEDS FFP help- March 15th virtual intro will be covered, but March 16th & 17th RE: analysis breakpoints and thresholds** TX is still having GSI issues, FM-G is still running best. So TX is unlikely to “switch” prior to May fire season.

Alaska- March 21st they will have a signed State wide FDOP. Subordinate plans will tier off of State wide parent plan. RAWS stations are being updated and transition to 2016 thresholds/models

FFP and Technology- Lauren- WFDSS Next Gen is on track 2022, and that is when the NFDRS 2016 will be active in their system. The current WFDSS will continue to run fuel model G (cross walks available)

- STILL need WIMS refresher, youtube video.
- Confirmation on FM-G archiving. IF your GA would be impacted negatively by that, summarize and let Jen Croft.