

## Charter

### **Mission Statement**

The NRCG Fire Prevention and Education (FPE) Committee fosters interagency leadership and coordination support of the establishment of fire-adaptive communities, resilient landscapes and safe and effective wildfire response through public information, education and the promotion of fire prevention messages and measures.

### **Membership**

The FPE consists of zone representatives and agency representatives. Agency representatives and zone representatives are appointed by their respective board members. Other interested entities will be encouraged to participate as ad hoc members. The NRCG Board will appoint a board member to serve as the liaison to this committee.

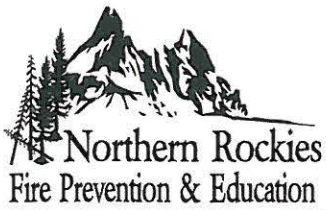
Zone Representatives – the role of a zone representative is to represent their zone during committee meetings, assist in fulfilling duties listed below and disperse information to partners in their zone.

Agency Representatives - the role of an agency representative is to represent their agency during committee meetings, disperse information back to their agency, serve as committee chair when it is their turn, assist in fulfilling duties listed below and provide financial support to committee programs if available.

Ad Hoc Members – the role of an ad hoc member is to represent their organization and/or area of work, participate in information sharing and program planning and assist in fulfilling duties listed below.

### **Under the direction of the NRCG Board, this Committee will:**

- Provide advice, counsel, education and a coordinated direction on fire prevention, education, and fire-adapted community topics.
- Coordinate fire prevention trainings and workshops.
- Provide a network for information exchange among cooperating partners.
- Maintain zone, agency, and ad hoc representation to ensure needs, ideas, and concepts are shared and addressed.
- Facilitate fire prevention and education efforts that focus on preventing unauthorized ignitions, reducing loss of values to be protected and minimizing suppression costs.
- Provide coordinated leadership and focus for future program planning.
- Provide leadership in promoting and establishing communities to adapt and live safely with wildland fires.
- Promote education and awareness efforts that enhance knowledge and understanding of the natural ecological role of fire on the landscape.



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- Undertake such projects, as the NRCG or the Committee deems important, to meet the identified mission.
- Facilitate and promote an integrated restrictions and closure process, as directed by agency representatives through the NRCG.
- Provide leadership in development and promotion of fire prevention teams.

### Committee Officers

Agency representatives will rotate chairperson and vice-chairperson duties on a two-year term basis, following the rotation below. If an agency cannot provide a chairperson, then it will defer to the next agency in the rotation.

- Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
- Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- National Park Service
- Idaho Department of Lands
- North Dakota Forest Service
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- Disaster and Emergency Services
- Fire Wardens Association
- Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association
- Fire Chiefs Association

The chairperson will be responsible for scheduling committee meetings, setting the agenda, facilitating meetings, assigning task groups as needed; and representing the committee and reporting accomplishments to the NRCG Board. The chairperson will provide a recorder for each meeting and ensure meeting notes are distributed.

The vice-chairperson will assume the chairperson position at the completion of the term and assume the duties of the chairperson during his/her absence.

### Meetings

The NRCG FPE Committee will meet as often as deemed necessary to carry out its mission and to accomplish assigned tasks.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chair, Northern Rockies Coordinating Group

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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