

SWCG Fire Prevention Committee

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 9:30 AM

Agenda:

1. Attendance FS/DOI/State start with NM then AZ. Give name and unit.
2. Discuss Agenda ie task order --
 - a. Discuss Leader's intention and end state.
 - b. form subcommittee but anyone can submit comments to Chair.
3. State/Zone Prevention Committee Updates
4. Upcoming events ie training, community
5. Hot Topics
6. Round Robin

Action Items:

- Dennis: Set meeting date/time for Task order subcommittee meeting -- send out doodle poll for January. 12/19/17
- John: Coordinate with NWCC to update the Fire Prevention Committee website. ASAP
- Dennis: Update Charter -- January, 2018.
- John: Can we get better buy in for rotation of the chair through the committee? ASAP.
- Teresa: Lead the Efforts to develop a NM Zone.
- Committee: Submit Fire Restriction comments to Dennis by 2/1/18.

Important Dates:

- ▶ 5/1/18 Task Order due
- ▶ 2/1/18 Restrictions Comments due.

Meeting Details:

- ▶ Date and Time: 12/19/17 @ 1000
- ▶ Location: Virtual
- ▶ Attendees:
 1. Dennis Fiore, FS RO
 2. Carrie Dennett, AZ BLM
 3. Mathew Garcia and Anna Bouchonville, Carson NF
 4. Chris Jensen, LNF
 5. Wendy Mason, NM State Forestry
 6. Kenny Jaramillo, BIA southwest Region
 7. Teresa Rigby, NM BLM
 8. Anthony Montiel, Prescott NF
 9. Matt Engbring, Coconino NF
 10. Rex Thomson, ABS NF
 11. Dolores Garcia, AZ BLM
 12. Dia Soncas, AZSF State Prevention Lead
 13. John Cervantes, BIA SWCG Liaison

Announcements:

- ▶ NM Wui Summit: April 10 - 12, Santa Fe, NM
- ▶ AZ Wui Summit: tentatively April 27 - 28, Pine Top, AZ
- ▶ Wildfire Awareness Week: Typically last week of March/early April. Each State declares the official date
- ▶ FAC Leaders Webinar various dates
- ▶ INVV Refresher and FI-210 course: February 12 -16, Ruidoso, NM
- ▶ Happy Holidays!

Discussions:

- **NWCC issued Task Order re:** Update Southwest Interagency Fire Restrictions and Closure Master Operating Plan
 - A subcommittee will be formed to review document and provide recommendations to NWCC.
 - Volunteers for the subcommittee: Delores, Carrie, Teresa, Rex, Kenny (BIA). Michelle NPS, Dia Funca (FWS).
 - All Fire Prevention Committee members are encouraged to provide input.
 - SE AZ Zone BLM/AZ has had a big struggle with getting changes and implementing. Can we incorporate FS law enforcement provide some insight?
 - Wendy -- State Forester will decide if they will follow restrictions. Donald wants to keep current language in document. State Parks will follow federal guidelines regarding camp fires.
 - Teresa -- Still some things to discuss how the document is set up across state boundaries. Look for ways to be more efficient and communicate better. Line officers need to have clear direction. BLM wants to help!
- **State/Zone Prevention Committee Updates:**
 - White Mountain Zone? Rex hasn't been able to establish committee -- in progress.
 - Northern Arizona -- Can Matt reignite? Jan/Feb get conversation started.
 - SE Zone committee member meeting -- prevention plans and redundancy. Can there be true interagency planning across forests/districts? Guest speaker from FS LE about unique issue about working along the boarder.
- **Hot Topics**
 - Teresa -- will people be willing to formulate a NM zone?
 - Identify future fire prevention training needs for FY2019. Possibly basic P course in conjunction with Arizona Wildfire Academy.
- **Round Robin**
 - ▶ Anthony -- Spring events scheduled in March, Smokey Bear balloon visit.
 - ▶ Anna -- Jan/Feb community meetings using sim table -- real life fire in the backyard demonstration. Anna has been visiting local foodbanks, providing broad scope of FS related information.
 - ▶ Fire has a role -- Cheyanne and Justine will have some produces deliverable to share with FS.
 - ▶ Wendy Mason -- pretty quiet, not much going on. Southern part of the state is dry. Doing prescribed fire up north at Hide Park.
 - ▶ Dia -- New Resource Protection Chief Vernon Muller (fire marshal's office) and she will see if he participate.
 - ▶ Anthony -- Excess prevention signs available please email him if interested: Montiel, Anthony -FS <amontiel@fs.fed.us>
 - ▶ Chris -- If P-101 class offer, Chris will volunteer to teach.
 - ▶ Matt -- 774 abandon/illegal fires in Flagstaff -- prevention techs are busy. Supplemental agreement with TNC which allows collaborative work on dispersed camping around San Francisco Peaks.
 - ▶ Rex -- still busy in White mountains due to dry/warm weather. Rx burning going on
 - ▶ Kenny -- Navajo region still active with fires and prevention outreach.
 - ▶ Dennis -- FS RO will begin Regional Fire Prevention Plan development. Region is providing resources to support fires in California. Month of January is dedicated to catching up on Fire Prevention tasks such as committee charter etc.

Summary:

- ▶ Lot's for the Committee to do in 2018.

Next Meeting:

- ▶ Date and Time: 1/16/18 @ 1000 MTN - Call in number: **1-877-791-5874** Passcode: **4928158#**
- ▶ Location: Virtual
- ▶ Agenda: TBD

► Note Taker:



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