



## Fire Prevention & Information Committee

**Tuesday, Oct 16, 2018**

Every Third Tuesday - 10 AM New Mexico / 9 or 10 AM Arizona (1 hour)

Call in number: **1-877-791-5874**

Passcode: **4928158#**

- ❖ Attendance: Michelle Fidler (NPS), Kenneth Jaramillo (BIA), Carrie Dennett (AZ BLM), Dolores Garcia (AZ BLM), Teresa Rigby (NM BLM), Wendy Mason (NMSF), Cheyenne Warner (FS RO), Chantel Herrick (Kaibab NF), Rex Thompson and Jason Barnes (A-S NF), Andrew Hostad (Coconino NF), Justin Haynes (Prescott NF), John Cervantes (SWCG Liaison), Guest Presenter: Molly Hunter (U of A)
- ❖ Guest Presenter: Molly E. Hunter. Research Scientist and JFSP Science Advisor, Renewable Natural Resources & the Environment. University of Arizona. [mollyhunter@u.arizona.edu](mailto:mollyhunter@u.arizona.edu), 520-621-0059

My colleagues (including Andi Thode at NAU / SW Fire Science Consortium Coordinator) and I submitted a Co-Design of Fire Information Resources for Education (Co-FIRE) proposal to the National Science Foundation last year to develop a series of videos to be used in wildfire public outreach and education. Unfortunately, we didn't get funding the first time around. We did get some very positive reviews however, so we'd like to try again this fall. We would need to resubmit a revised proposal in early November. I wanted to check in with you to see if you were still interested and willing to participate in this project, if funded.

Products would be focused on the SW Region. They'd like to SW Prevention and Information committee members to participate in a survey (fall 2019) to better understand public affairs type needs and gather input on content, style, compliance, etc, then follow up with 3 workshops around the Southwest (Jan/Feb 2020) with public affairs staff, community leaders, etc. for further discussions to gather input on topics, content, etc. Folks at NAU would produce the educational products (spring/summer 2020). (NAU has experience working with federal partners on [fire training videos](#) that incorporate fire science.) Then the field folks would have an opportunity to review (late summer 2020?), and the final products would be ready to use (fall 2020/spring 2021). There would likely be follow-up evaluation as well.

Molly will send Michelle a sample paragraph of potential verbiage. Michelle will work with John to submit a draft letter to SWCG for review to request their support for submitting a letter of support for the project on behalf of the SW PrevInfo Committee. Molly needs the letter of support by Oct 31 to be able to submit it with their proposal that's due in early Nov.

Feel free to contact Molly if you have questions:

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- ❖ Updates from the Chair – Our current chair Dennis Fiore (FS) is currently in the process of transiting to a new job in R6 and will be available, sporadically throughout the next two months.

Wendy Mason is our current Co-Chair. Our [charter](#) notes the Chair will be held for one year with a rotation occurring in January. Decision: **Beginning Jan 2019, Wendy Mason (NMSF) will be Chair. Teresa Rigby (NM BLM) will assume Co-Chair** (since we skipped them last year, but NM BLM has since supported her participation in this group)

- ❖ Revisit last meeting notes and review current agenda – see [notes from Feb](#)
- ❖ Future calls – will continue monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues; it's helpful if Chair can send out monthly reminders
  - **We need to review our mailing list to make sure everyone's included**
- ❖ Firenet – SWCG supports using Firenet for committee business – **all committee members should have an account**
  - (Feds) Request a Firenet account - <https://sites.google.com/a/firenet.gov/firenet/home/access-to-firenet-environment>
  - (State) Request a Firenet account (note: you will need to take the [online security training](#)) and then send a copy of your certificate to a federal sponsor (like our SWCG liaison [john.cervantes@bia.gov](mailto:john.cervantes@bia.gov) who can submit a request for your account) <https://sites.google.com/a/firenet.gov/firenet/home/access-to-firenet-environment/nopivcard>
  - Upcoming Firenet training (a recording is also available) - <https://sites.google.com/a/firenet.gov/firenet/home>

- FireNet Video Training Series (On-Demand) <https://sites.google.com/a/firenet.gov/firenet/firenet-training-series>
  - Team Drive FAQs - <https://sites.google.com/a/firenet.gov/firenet/home/information/firenet-features/teamdrive>
  - See the [NMAC memo](#) for more information of the use of FireNet.gov
  - Michelle started a Team Drive for the SW Prevention and Information Committee (Michelle, Carrie, Dennis, Dolores, John, and Teresa currently have access – we can add others once you get Firenet.gov e-mail accounts)
  - **John will share sample Firenet templates, etc. SWCG uses**
- ❖ SW Prevention and Info Committee info on SWCC website – <https://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/swcg/committees/committees.htm#IPCommittee>
    - **Committee member lists needs to be updated – Wendy or Teresa can submit changes to Jay Ellington at SWCC**
- ❖ SW Fire Restrictions Toolbox
    - Kenny had no updates from SWCG
    - Carrie said the latest update from Dennis was AZSF is the only remaining agency that has yet to sign the updated Toolbox – **Kenny will follow-up on status of updated Fire Restrictions Toolbox**
    - Dolores brought a discussion item for future calls – **we need to look at updating firerestrictions.us website usability**
- ❖ Upcoming Events
    - **Consider opportunities for a face-to-face committee meeting**, perhaps in association with an upcoming event in TUS or ABQ – Date/Location/Agenda TBD
    - [Working together: fire managers and archeologists](#) Nov 27-19, 2018, Tucson, AZ
      - o If you're interested, you can sign up to receive updates on other upcoming events from the SW Fire Science Consortium at <http://www.swfireconsortium.org/> (bottom right corner of page)
    - [8th International Fire Ecology and Management Congress: Cultivating Pyrodiversity](#), Nov 18-22, 2019 | Loews Ventana Canyon Resort | Tucson, Arizona
    - [Smokey Bear's 75th Birthday](#), Aug 9, 2019 – **discussion item for next call - need to start planning / coordinating**
    - SW Wildfire Awareness Week – proposed dates: March 24-30, 2019 – **discussion item for future calls**
- ❖ Upcoming Training
    - **P410 – Fire Prevention Education Team Leader**, Nov 26-30, 2018, Charlottesville, VA, no tuition for the course [More info on the national wildfire training calendar](#) (currently 10 students enrolled)
    - **Wildfire Mitigation Academy & Community Mitigation Assistance Team (CMAT) Training**, March 5-6, 2019, at NIFC in Boise, ID, applications accepted until Dec 1
      - o To Learn more about CMAT - <https://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/fire/cmata>
      - o To apply for this training - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QF3BFDZ>
    - [FI-310 Wildland Fire Investigation: Case Development, Feb 25-28, 2019, Sierra Blanca Training Academy, NM](#) (\$300 tuition) – registration now open – 10 slots reserved for SW
    - [Social Media – March 9-10, 2019, AZ Wildfire and Incident Management Academy, Prescott, AZ](#)
    - [S-203 – March 11-14, 2019, AZ Wildfire and Incident Management Academy, Prescott, AZ](#)
- ❖ NM Zone Working Group
    - Monthly calls, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month, 10 am NM (Oct 9 call cancelled since we're meeting soon)
    - NM Fall Prev/Info Meeting and Restrictions AAR – Oct 22, 0900-1200, Albuquerque, hosted at the FS Regional Office in room #146 (the MAC room), 333 Broadway Blvd., SE. Working on the remote meeting capability. Need to provide the building security a list of attendees ahead of time. Please send names to Teresa by Thursday, October 18, COB.
    - Draft Agenda:
      1. Fire Restrictions/Closure AAR
      2. Fire Information - AAR
        - Smoke information
        - NMFireInfo
        - Interagency News Releases/Header and protocols
      3. Prevention and Education
        - Messaging
        - Events and Campaigns
      4. Publications
        - NM LWF/FAC Status of Printing
        - NM RSG
        - Rack cards or other items?

There is a fire summit planning meeting at 2 p.m. in Santa Fe that afternoon.
    - Living with Wildfire publication – NMSF was unable to get additional copies printed but will look at future opportunities to print once funding becomes available next fire season. **Wendy will post latest version with logos on NMFireInfo.com.**
- ❖ State/Zone Prevention Committees – Updates

- SEZ (Andrew Atkinson, chair) - next meeting Oct 22, 0930-1430, Coronado NF Office in Sierra Vista; will review draft charter at the meeting
- WMZ startup (Rex Thompson) – working on next meeting date and charter
- CWZ
- NAZ (Andrew Hostad) – working on planning next agenda, meeting date TBD

❖ Additional Items or Round-Robin

- Carrie Dennett (AZ BLM)
  - there's a new Mitigation and Education Specialist on the AZ Strip
  - Communities at Risk agreement includes MitPrev and partial funding for CWPP
  - State Forestry working on draft list of new Communities at Risk based on WRAP
  - Dolores, Carrie, and Dea working on flyers about warming and debris burning prevention – will share with SEZ
  - Working on contract for wildland fire Jr. Ranger booklet
- Michelle Fidler (NPS)
  - Will have fire booth at the free [Arizona National Parks Festival](#) Oct 28 at Reid Park in Tucson, AZ, 9-5
  - Saguaro NP prescribed burn postponed due to recent rain
- N. AZ Forests (Chantelle, Rex, Andrew, Jason) – snowing today; catch up mode
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- Cheyenne Warner (FS RO) – potentially working in Regional Office until Mid March
- Chantel Herrick (Kaibab NF) – little snow, periodic patrols, admin catch up
- Rex Thompson (A-S NF) – snow today, otherwise active with hunters and visitors
- Jason Barnes (A-S NF) – back from OR; catch up on patrol and admin, some snow in Alpine; Liza Simmons leaving
- Andrew Hostad (Coconino NF) – snow in Flatstaff, busy
- Kenneth Jaramillo (BIA) – gathering accomplishment reports and working on redbook updates
- Justin Haynes (Prescott NF) – helping with burn piles; Cheyenne and Josh recently hosted Women in Wildfire boot camp
- John Cervantes (SWCG Liaison)
  - SWCG met 2x this fall
  - New ICs have been selected - Alan Sinclair as the Type 1 IC selected for Team #1; Richard Nieto as the Type 1 IC selected for Team #2; and Carl Schwope as the Type 2 IC selected for Team #3.
  - ICAP IMT application process will be announced soon – see updates on SWCC [https://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/dispatch\\_logistics/overhead/overhead.htm](https://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/dispatch_logistics/overhead/overhead.htm)
  - Decision support team worked well in 2018 and will continue next year
    - Helped with MAC process at SWCC
    - A lot of products – mapping, fire weather data, helping prioritize large fires
    - Added a chapter to MAC handbook
  - NFDRS training – beta team
  - Firenet – SWCG endorses subcommittee use; helpful for working on shared documents, etc.
  - SWCG had AAR last week – not a lot of news
  - There will be 2 buying teams – 1 geo and 1 national
  - John is also the SWCG liaison for the aviation committee so **Eric Walker (NM BLM, ewalker@blm.gov) will be backup SWCG liaison for SW Prevention and Info committee**

❖ Next Conference Call – **Tuesday, November 20, 10am AZ/NM**