

Prescribed Fire Council Minutes from 3/6/2014

Attendees: Zack Boyajian, Arin Mills, Chase Marshall, Wendy Weisiger, Jim Oehler, Steve Najjar, Meredith Lund, Jeff Lougee, Erin Lane, Bryan Nowell, Andy Fast, Tom Natale, Lisa Landry

Agenda

- 1.) Reading of minutes from previous meeting on
- 2.) Erin Lange from USFS to present on North Atlantic Fire Science Consortium, and the Joint Fire Science Program, (JFSP)
- 3.) Zach Boyajian to present the Army National Guard Wildland Fire Plan
- 4.) Interagency cooperation on coordination
- 5.) Public Awareness Campaign
- 6.) Other new business.

Minutes: Zack moved to accept the minutes; Jim Oehler seconded. Minutes approved.

Erin Lange presented to the Council on the development of the North Atlantic Fire Science Consortium.

Erin Lange is a fire planner for the Green and White Mtn National Forest. She also spoke about the Joint Fire Science Program which is a federally funded organization.

- JESP is a forum for fire researchers
- Started with grass roots interest in 2/12
- Full proposal was developed in 1/14
- Current funding is \$50,000 with hopes for \$100,000.

The Goal:

The North Atlantic Consortium.

- Bring people together
- Innovation
- Consolidate existing research
- Communication; be a hub of info for all.

Sensing Assessment

Challenges are:

- Delivering the information

Opportunities for:

- Leadership team planning
- Online survey.... info given to Erin Lane so she can expand the list
- Listening sessions, (Jeff will be attending on of these).
- Interviews

Partners to date:

USDA, North East Fire Protection, Fire Compact, Mid-Atlantic Counsel, Canadian Inter Forest Fire Center, Universities, Non-Profits and Private organizations.

NH Army National Guard Wildland Fire Plan

Zach gave a presentation on their fire plan

- The plan is to address wildland hazards
- Support habitat management
- Work on conservation efforts

Next step: get the plan reviewed and eventually get signatures

Burns on in Concord:

From 1909-2007 up to 3,316 acres have been burned in certain year earlier in the 20th century.

Management units:

Units are laid out in Pitch Pine-Scrub Oak Woodland (PPSOW) & Dry Oak Appalachian Forest (DAOF) with the intention of maintaining DAOF and expanding PPSOW to previous extent. The plan does identify some areas that need fire breaks or some logging.

- NHDFL Foresters felt the area was too small for a commercial forestry operation.

Interagency Cooperation and Coordination

Zach has some info, but needs more

IE. F&L and USFW

- add a column for 'RED CARD' people
- add a column for email / work or cell phone numbers

Public Awareness:

Bryan brought in the Prescribed Fire Poster made by Andy Fast as well as the stand-along display boards.

Training opportunities:

March 15th Rx 130 training

April 5th – Rx 130/133 training in New London

May 10th – Pack Test at Lancaster Fairgrounds

July- Aug. pump training

Next meeting is:

May 29, 2014 is at The Forest Society Building in Concord, NH; 9:00 am
(Agenda to be sent out at a later date.)