

NH Prescribed Fire Council Conception Meeting
Concord DRED office
January 7, 2010

Attendees: Bryan Nowell, Andy Fast, John Neely, Ralph Perron, Tom Brady, Lisa Landry, Don Quigley, Steve Eisenhoure, Dick Weyrick, Heidi Holman, Stephen Najjar, Zachory Boyajian, Arin Mills, Steve Fuller, Jim Oehler, Bill Nichols, R. Stewart Yeaton, Jeff Lougee, Don Kent

Discussion Points:

We are intentionally beginning with a flexible agenda, anticipating that the participants will focus on what they think is important and most useful. These are our initial topics to discuss but we are open to any further inputs prior to or at the meeting:

- Planning
- Implementation
- Permitting
- Regulation
- Education and Outreach
- Training and Standards
- Liability (i.e. policies, legal, insurance, etc.)
- Communication / Cooperation (i.e. informal joint efforts, formal MOUs, etc.)
- Research
- Other Capacity Building (i.e. equipment, volunteers, etc.)

Added discussion topic:

- Funding
- Agency needs
- Resources
- Review prescribed fire councils already formed.

Regulations: Lisa Landry DES discussed EPA guidelines, ambient air issues in particular to woodstoves and other particulate levels PM25 standards. Jeff Lugee discussed the RX410 for modeling smoke management issues.

Funding: Tom Brady discussed some federal funding opportunities and the funding use on non-federal lands adjacent to USFS National forest lands. Some of the project requirements to deal with Wildland urban interface issues.

Discussion was moved to talk about the more formal development of NH Prescribed fire council:

Needs: Policies: training, planning, smoke management
Training Standards: BMP, training, fitness, PPE
Certifications
Agreements/MOU
Regulations/legislation
Liability
Mission

Recommendations
Organized organization
Point of reference
Experience level
Website
Monitoring protocols

Goals:
Prioritize burns, needs, mapping, and objectives
Needs for structure

Tasks:
Council structure and bylaws and mission statements- Tom Brady and Andy Fast
Letters to Stake holders
Stake holders

Potential working teams/groups:
Legislation, watch dogs
Training and BMP
Funding

Next meeting dates:

February 4,2010 9AM Bear Brook office building (DRED meeting room was already booked)

Review potential structure and by-laws
Review top objectives of Council
Fill roles of the executive board
Break out sessions

March 3,2010 9AM USFS office Campton