Prescribed Fire Council Minutes from 12/5/13

New Members: Meredith Lund (Fire Academy), Dave Walker, (Fish & Wildlife Service), Shawn Drake New Boston Air Station)

Meeting: Called to order @ 9:06
Council did introductions for new members.
Minutes: Members were asked to read the minutes from the 9/25/13 meeting.
Zack moved to accept the minutes, Jim O. seconded.

AGENDA:

Display materials for the Fire Trailer
- Sabrina has some grant money that needs to be spent by 12/31/13. This $$$ can be spent on outreach or other ‘fire’ related materials.
- Bryan showed several different poster types that can be displayed in the trailer. There is enough room for 8 posters.
- Bryan would like each agency to send a Rx Fire poster draft by the next meeting. He also suggested that ALL of the cooperators be listed on each poster.
- Andy has some materials for the fire trailer.
- Chase said he has some information on a “success story”; the prescribed fire done in Freedom, NH.

Suggestion for getting ‘fire’ materials to other events
- Farm & Forest Expo
- NH Wild Days at Fish & Game in April
- Set up a display at the Fire Academy in Concord
- Get a stamp made so other fire brochures can get a “Council “ stamp on them
- Fire Learning Network – Getting out info about our work here in NH
- SAF meeting - Andy is looking for information to display at their winter meeting. Andy will resend email about display suggestions needed by early January
- Andy also has some concerns about making progress on the Rx Burn Council Agendas; suggested keeping the expectations smaller so projects can be completed.

Fire Logo
- The Fire Logo will be temporary; it will change over time: Consensus of the Council was to go ahead with current design.
Interagency cooperation & training

- Need a Good email system to notify all cooperators of pack test dates and sites.
- Jim would like to see more movement as far as getting actual fire on the ground as compared to public awareness.
- Arin suggested a script or boiler plate questionnaire be sent around and filled in by each organization. When completed, they could be sent to the Council for distribution.

Planning & Reports

- **Sabrina:** There are goals for Pine River but no $$ to get it implemented.
- Request made that every agency fills in the fire assessment form and brings to the next meeting.

Training

- get out better information in a timely fashion
- **Zack:** will make up the questionnaire for needed *pre-season* information
  - People
  - Equipment
- **Chase:** Would like to know *(priority trainees).*
  - *(Pre-season), who is working on NWCG training.*
  - Who will be burning and the proposed date
  - What is the location of the burn
  - How much acreage will be burned
  - Season the burn will take place
  - How many people will be needed
  - What is the burn window for each burn
  - What equipment will be needed for the burn
  - Can multiple burns be done
  - What backup equipment is available

*ALL MEMBERS WILL BRING OUR FIRE NEEDS TO NEXT MEETING!*

Opportunities

- Bob Boyd spoke about the Town of Eaton and their efforts to maintain their Town Forest and existing blueberry fields.
- Town would like to work on 50 acres / broken into different areas.
AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING: 3/6/14, Meeting is at the Forest Service HQ in Campton.

1. Get priorities for burns from each agency, (plans, trainees, equipment)
2. Writing workshop: Get training together
   a. Host a training course?
   b. Possibly at the Fire Academy?
   c. Do it as a seminar
   d. Invite other States?
3. Big issues:
   a. Is the Council aware of other BIG issues
   b. Discuss Long Eared Bat and how burning affects them
   c. Possible vote by Council and their stance on the “bat” issue