

NBTT Conf Call Notes, 12/12/00
10:00 – 11:30 am MST, 9:00 – 10:30 am Pac.

Participants: Darla Potter, Carl Gossard, Pete Lahm, Mike Ziolk, Shelley Nolde, Mark Fitch, Rebecca Reynolds

Workshop Presenters:

Bill Malm: do we have time to fit in a presentation by him at the January Workshop? His message is extremely important to the work we are doing, but time is severely limited already. Pete will contact Bill about doing a 1-2 page paper that would be included in pre-work (if available) or in the Workshop Booklet. Pete will also mention to Dennis that he is to tie-in with Bill. Darla will remind Coleen Campbell of this as well.

Others: what is their involvement in the workshop? Pete felt that Quinn would want to fully participate in a breakout group working from the Ag. Position. It was agreed that this would be beneficial since we are short of Ag. Representation now. Omi and Agee will most likely leave after their presentations and will probably not participate in the second day's breakouts. Dick Hayslip may also want to stay for the second day, if he does he is welcome to sit in on a breakout. Presenters will only be assigned, as a breakout group participant is they plan to stay for all of the second day. The potential participation of Dennis Haddow was not discussed during the conference call.

All presenters will be on their own as far as logistics go, like everyone else. If they have special needs, Pete will handle or let Rebecca know.

Workshop Objective:

The following slightly modified version from the one re-written, in a small breakout on 12/7 during the FEJF meeting in Santa Fe, was approved:

To categorize fire emissions sources into two classifications, "natural" & "anthropogenic", and to assess the policy and technical implications. These classifications will help define the natural visibility conditions in the Federal Class I parks and wilderness areas in the West.

Flow Diagrams:

There was some confusion over exactly what the group decided it wanted represented in the Flow Diagrams. It was agreed that one representing where FEJF fits in the WRAP process and one representing the FEJF structure and all its task teams would be developed. Mike has a draft of the FEJF one that he will supply to Darla for modification. Darla and Pete will develop the two flow diagrams. It was agreed that a timeline with 2003 and 2008 benchmarks was not necessary for the Workshop and might lead people down more rabbit trails. As far as the Commission recommendations are concerned, Darla said she would check the FEJF storyline to make sure they are covered. If not, one page covering them will be added to the Workshop Booklet.

NBTT Context Paper:

It was reiterated that Sam will write a draft of a 1-2 pg. paper describing the NBTT Task 1,2 & 3 – background and history of decisions, that will then be reviewed by Pete, Jim, Bill Malm and e-mailed to Darla by 12/21 (see Santa Fe meeting notes on this.) This is to be included in the Pre-work Packet. Carl agreed to communicate with Sam on this.

Workshop Booklet:

It was suggested that the Workbook material include some reference and background material, e.g., RHR excerpts. Rebecca will develop a draft of Workbook content for the group to review 12/13.

Regulatory Context:

The discussion lead to a reiteration that D. Hayslip's talk handles some of the background issues that the Flow Diagrams will represent. Pete will make sure his talk/paper is inclusive.

Decision Tree/Assumptions/Definitions/Overview:

Darla is working on finalizing based on feedback in Santa Fe and will circulate for a final review with associated assignments (mostly from Santa Fe)

NBTT Schedule:

There is a revised schedule that the group went over. Rebecca will make changes and she or Darla will get out to NBTT this week. Darla will send out a reminder and call # with the agenda for the conference call on nominees scheduled for 12/21. Carl has secured the line.

Portland Mgt. & Content Team Mtg.

Information (agenda & hotel) has been distributed to those on the management team and content team. Pete recommended staying at the Double Tree Lloyd Center that has a shuttle from the airport. Jim will set up a meeting space at the RO in Portland. This meeting will be to do last minute finalization on the January Workshop and dig into the March Workshop planning.

Tempe Mtg. Agenda:

Group needs something ASAP – Rebecca will email a draft to Darla by COB 12/15, and Darla will email to NBTT when the logistics information is available.

March Workshop, Tempe:

Darla brought up the need for setting NBTT meeting times both prior to the Workshop and afterward. She suggested that we take Ken Evans up on his offer of meeting space at Phelps Dodge. All agreed. She will contact him about this. Darla will also contact Deb about adding rooms to the block for 3/14 and 3/15.

January Agenda:

Group reviewed Rebecca's annotated version. Reminder: the annotations were suggested by Rebecca in Santa Fe as a way to make the Agenda more meaningful to those reading it for the first time. Carl & Rebecca will work on developing something more on items III & IV; Pete will edit V, VI, & VII; Rebecca will add the breakout timeframes established at the Santa Fe meeting and include more instructive language for X.

Note: the Workshop Booklet will include sections that provide detailed instructions on both the "Blue Dot/Green Dot" Exercise and the Breakout Groups.

Presenters' Bio Information:

There will be an addendum to the January Workshop Agenda that covers all the presenters' information. Rebecca will email a format prototype to Pete for him to send to all presenters so that she can add info to the addendum. It was agreed that a complete Workshop Participant list with name, affiliation, address, phone/fax/email would be included in the Workshop Booklet that includes presenters, NBTT, and facilitators.

Facilitators' Parking:

Rebecca & Darla were concerned about having the volunteer facilitators paying for their own parking. Shelley assured them that federal people can get reimbursed through their own job codes. Pete suggested that the hotel might offer 20 passes free of charge. WGA might also be able to cover expenses for non-federal people. Rebecca will look into all of this and bring it back if she cannot get it adequately resolved.

Adjourn: 11:30 am MST