

NBTT MANAGEMENT & CONTENT TEAM MEETING

JUNE 6 & 7, 2001

Portland, Oregon

Attendees: Mark Fitch, Pete Lahm, Darla Potter, Rebecca Reynolds, Jim Russell (6/7 only), Sam Sandberg, Mike Ziolk, “Bob” and “Emily” (*the latest additions to the group*)

WRAP Input Briefing

See Summary Paper as well as Presentation on WRAP Website

See WRAP Input Summary prepared by Pete/Darla for further detail on the WRAP Feedback.

- ❖ Reduce some semantics issues by separating the discussions of the overarching and classification statements.
- ❖ Most input obtained at WRAP meeting was on overarching statements, as that is where the rubber hits the road for implementation.
- ❖ Most of the classification discussion regarded “how and where do I fit in and why” types of questions.
- ❖ Depth of discussion was impressive regarding implementation.
- ❖ To garner additional support on the side of Agriculture, there will be a presentation on the work of the NBTT before AAQTF at the July meeting in Denver, Colorado.
Pete & Darla
- ❖ Significant changes will need to be made to the Draft Policy to craft the Recommended Policy, particularly in the annotation.
- ❖ Restructure and move forward with the WRAP Input. There are places that the revisions will deviate from the Policy Maker Workshop feedback.
- ❖ There was not a point-blank discussion on tribal burning.
- ❖ Almost working entirely for the states and tribes now for implementation into SIPs/TIPs.
- ❖ Idaho was not present at the WRAP meeting.
- ❖ Need to be ready to have a Recommended Policy before WRAP at their September meeting for approval. That drives the schedule that follows.
 - WRAP Meeting – September
 - WRAP Meeting Materials – Mid-August
 - FEJF Posting & Comment - August
 - NBTT Mgt/Content Team Meeting – August 1&2, Cheyenne, WY
 - TOC Meeting – July
 - FEJF/NBTT Meeting – July 11&12, Rapid City, SD
 - IOC Meeting – June
 - NBTT Mgt/Content Team Meeting – June 6&7, Portland, OR
- ❖ IOC/TOC meeting interaction will be to keep the committees apprised and informed of how the NBTT is moving forward with revisions and the status of those revisions.
- ❖ The direction that we take the Recommended Policy needs to be established by the end of the June 6 & 7 meeting.
 - Some ideas:

- Need to add interrelationships annotation of the classification statements
- From the classification section, pull out the association with management principles and the FEJF linkage and move to the management section.
- ❖ Need to justify future changes and walk a tight line.
- ❖ Work with constituency within the FEJF.
 - Make Language as clear and robust as possible.
 - 90% of work to be done is in the annotated sections

Additional Outreach to be Considered

- AAQTF – July Meeting (Pete/Darla)
- Coordination with Jack Edwardson and Rich Damberg at EPA OAQPS (Pete)
- Coordination with OR DEQ on the overarching section of the revision (Pete)
- Coordination with Marc Pitchford regarding the flagging of wildfire data (Pete)

Feedback to the PM Workshop Participants

Cover Letter

Interim Report Policy Maker/Opinion Leader Workshop

1. WRAP Summary Paper
2. Discussion Notes

Discussion Notes – Assignment to NBTT to review/feedback to Darla by June 15th

- Take out Names (notes and index cards)
- Keep responses in – delete name and replace with NBTT Response, CS Response, PM Response
- Make sure makes sense – don't need complete sentences
- Add Introduction to Opening Comments & Questions Section (i.e., opportunity to “vent” comments and questions w/o responses...)
- Add Executive Summary at beginning of notes – pull from V in Summary Paper
- Summary of agreed changes will be removed (this was just put together for the NBTT Management & Content Team).
- People were informed that Position Papers would not be accepted for the workshop. Therefore, do not include OR DEQ paper.
- Leave in Evaluation Question 6 responses.
 - Put responses in quotations.
 - Delete 1, 2, and 3 prior to each quotation.

Final Report

Contains basically everything and the kitchen sink that the NBTT has used for both Workshops (Pre-Work and Workshop Materials).

- Re-Arrange the Appendices to chronological order.
- Add Tree Guide
- Sam Suggestion - Rationale for what was rejected?

- Possibly Add Rationale for Acceptance/Rejection of PM input
- Do not need to include excerpts from (e.g., RHR, AAQTF, etc.) SS Workshop Workbook
- Add Appendices WRAP Meeting – NBTT Briefing Summary
- Make two Volumes
 - Volume I (Intro and Recommended Policy)
 - Volume II (Appendices)

Distribution

- Volume I and II (each appendices separate) – PDF and post on FEJF Website
- Notice website availability to SS Wkshp Participants, PM Wkshp Participants, NBTT participants, FEJF, EPA Natural Background Condition workgroup
- Link from WRAP – FEJF website
- Hardcopies – Volumes I & II (~12)
 - WGA, NTEC, NAMC, BLM, FEJF, NBTT Mgt/Content Team, Rebecca
- Volume I will be the Volume subject to consideration of the FEJF and submitted to the WRAP. Volume I will be the only one reproduced, as necessary, but it will refer to Volume II posted on the website for those interested in every last detail.
- Volume II will be posted on the website.

Tree Guide

Assignment to NBTT to review/feedback to Darla by June 15th

- When reviewing keep in mind the content is *post* SS Wkshp and *pre* PM Wkshp.
- Add sentence to indicate that this was not part of the PM Pre-Work or Workshop Material.

NEXT STEPS for the DRAFT POLICY REVISION

- One Document split into two sections to split the Overarching (1-3) Statements (referred to here as “Bob”) from the Classification (4-10) Statements (referred to here as “Emily”).
 - There was discussion of whether the two sections should be adjunct policies or whether the overarching statement should just be Overarching Policy Principles as Mark felt there was not enough substantive content to qualify the overarching statements as an adjunct policy.
- Watch Agriculture/State/Private perspectives during revision.
- Language – edit for clarity
- Definitions – all definitions should be clear, including the “N” and “A” Definitions
- Write Policy for Implementation – no longer for the focus of a workshop
- Reformulate Annotation Sections

Linkage to “National Fire Plan”

(I.e., all 3 of the following Cohesive Strategies, National Fire Plan, 10 Year Plan)

Annotation – augment with additional information

Fire regime

Condition Class

Local input/decision into what is in a sustainable condition/what is not

Trade-Off between prescribed fire and wildfire over-time

Top priority: communities at risk

Upon revision of the Draft Policy into the new format, Jim & Sam will review to make sure document is consistent with the “National Fire Plan” and add statements to augment the annotation with additional information as appropriate.

Revisit structure (i.e., abridge) of Annotated Section

RECOMMENDED POLICY FOR CATEGORIZING FIRE EMISSIONS

PURPOSE

SCOPE & APPLICABILITY

BACKGROUND

POLICY (Emily 1st, Bob 2nd)

ANNOTATION – one annotation for Bob, one annotation for Emily

Change subsections from old ones (Discussion, SS Wkshp, etc.) to new ones:

Prescribed Fire, Native American Burning, Wildfire.

Discussion (Delete title for this section – keep text to be augmented as necessary)

Clarify and support policy statements (what it applies to / what it doesn't)

This is how it is applied/implemented (including some examples)

Careful and judicious in interpretations that are discussed

Inter-Policy Statement Relationships

Senior Staff Workshop Results (Delete Section)

Possibly move some points into discussion

Magnitude (Delete Section)

Possibly move some points into discussion of annotation or background section

Remember: Magnitude is not the justification for any Policy Statement!

Linkage (Delete Section)

Possibly move some points into discussion for Bob but not Emily

Overarching (1-3) “Bob” items to consider in revision

Items to consider in the reformulation of the Policy Statement and Annotation Sections

Item	Statement	Annotation
Inclusion of “Feasibility” Language in Policy Statement #2	X	
Sam Option - Link related Policy Statements (1/2)	X	
308 = 309	X	X
Matrix – implementation issue - how 1/2/3 fit together		X

RHR Language – “control” vs “reduce” language “manage emission reduction”	X	
Policy Statement #7 2 nd sentence, removed from Emily Suggestion to place as an appendix to the Policy		X

Classification (4-10) “Emily” items to consider in revision

Items to consider in the reformulation of the Policy Statement and Annotation Sections

Item	Statement	Annotation
Sam Option - Link related Policy Statements (4/5/6), (7/8), (9/10)	X	
Native American – change in 9	X	X
Escaped Prescribed Fire	X	X
Arson – conflict with Annex*		
Condition Classes – Sustainable Ecosystem, Ag:CRP		X
RHR language consistency	X	X
Consider removal of decision tree		X
“Ecosystem Components” vs “Ecosystem Health”	X	X
Prescribed Fire (commodity as criteria)		X
Policy Statement #7 2 nd sentence Remove from Policy Statement Move to Bob?	X	X
“Wildfires not suppressed” need other language “wildland fire managed for resource benefits”	X	X
Magnitude ... in re: Native American		X
Define “Cultural Burning”, Add “Traditional”	X	X
Determined by Tribe or Tribal Council		X
Tribal Prescribed Burning in #4 & #5	X	X

* Issue for WRAP to resolve, not the NBTT.

Reformulate Policy Statements

“Emily” – Classification Policy

These Policy Statements apply to both wildland and agricultural lands regardless of ownership, cause of ignition, or purpose of the fire within the WRAP region.

Policy Statements

- A. Prescribed Fire utilized to maintain an ecosystem that is currently in an ecologically functional and fire resilient condition is a “natural” source. Prescribed fire for all other purposes is an “anthropogenic” source. Escaped prescribed fire is classified according to its pre-escape classification.

- B. Wildfire that is suppressed by management action is a “natural” source. Wildfire, when suppression is limited for safety, economic, or resource limitations, remains a “natural” source. Wildfires managed for resource objectives are classified the same as prescribed fires.

- C. Native American cultural burning for traditional, religious, and ceremonial purposes is a “natural” source.

“Bob” – Implementation Policy

Policy Statements

- A. All fires must be managed to minimize visibility impacts.
- B. All emissions from fires classified as an “anthropogenic” source will be controlled to the maximum extent feasible subject to economic, safety, technical and environmental considerations.
- C. Emissions from all fire will be tracked.

Reformulate “natural” and “anthropogenic” definitions

Natural Source Classification (“natural”) - A categorization that designates which fire emissions can result in a natural reduction of visibility for each Federal Class I area in the WRAP region. This classification includes natural and human-caused ignitions.

Anthropogenic Source Classification (“anthropogenic”) - A categorization that designates which fire emissions contribute to visibility impairment. “Anthropogenic” emissions must be controlled to achieve progress toward the 2064 natural visibility goal for each Federal Class I area in the WRAP region. This classification includes natural and human-caused ignitions.

FEJF July 11/12 Mtg – NBTT Briefing

Material to be distributed prior to the meeting (mark DRAFT)

- 1 page on Bob/Emily
- Annotation (Either bullet list or Full Annotation IF Possible)
- e-mail directly to FEJF on July 2

NBTT Briefing morning of July 11, 3-4 hours

Presentation (Darla)

30-minute background & 30 minutes on what we want their feedback on

--Draft Policy

--Policy Maker Workshop Results

--WRAP Briefing

--Next Steps/Timeline

--Draft Recommended Policy (why we did what we did)

FEJF Questions/Comment

(Rebecca Facilitate & Scribe, NBTT Mgt/Content Team answer questions)

Purpose of Briefing

- Get FEJF on board with what we are doing
- Answer Questions

- Obtain buy-in to what we're doing

Schedule Update / Changes

- Mgt/Content Team Conference Call - June 18 [*time change*]
(11:00 am – 12:30 pm Mountain, 10:00 – 11:30 am Pacific)
- IOC Meeting – June 18
- NBTT Briefing Material to FEJF/NBTT via e-mail - July 2
- Mgt/Content Team Conference Call - July 3 [*date change*]
(10:00 – 11:30 am Mountain, 9:00 – 10:30 am Pacific)
- Co-Chair Conference Call – July 9
(10:00 – 11:30 am Mountain, 9:00 – 10:30 am Pacific)
- FEJF Meeting – July 11/12, Rapid City, SD
NBTT Briefing on July 11 AM
- Mgt/Content Team Meeting – July 11, Rapid City, SD
(conclusion of FEJF meeting for 1 hour)
- TOC Meeting - July 16/17
- AAQTF Meeting - July ?

ASSIGNMENTS

Note the following are grouped by the person(s) with the Assignment.

- ❑ Discussion Notes – Assignment to **NBTT Mgt/Content Team** to review/feedback to Darla by **June 15th**
- ❑ Tree Change Guide - Assignment to **NBTT Mgt/Content Team** to review/feedback to Darla by **June 15th**
- ❑ Revision of Draft Policy Annotation – Assignment to **NBTT Mgt/Content Team** to assist Darla & Pete as much as possible when assistance is requested
- ❑ Linkage to “National Fire Plan” – Assignment to **Jim & Sam** – after Draft Policy revised into new format.
- ❑ Re-Write Bob Annotation – Assignment to **Pete**
- ❑ Coordinate with Jack Edwardson and Rich Damberg at EPA OAQPS – Assignment to **Pete**
- ❑ AAQTF Meeting – call Manuel Cunha, Jr - Assignment to **Pete**
- ❑ Coordinate with OR DEQ on the overarching section of the revision – Assignment to **Pete**

- ❑ Coordinate with Marc Pitchford regarding the flagging of wildfire data – Assignment to **Pete**
- ❑ Revise Introduction, Scope & Applicability, Background as necessary – Assignment to **Darla and Pete**
- ❑ 1 page on Bob/Emily for IOC Meeting – Assignment to **Darla** due **June 13**
- ❑ Final Report – Assignment to **Darla**
- ❑ Revise Schedule – Assignment to **Darla**
- ❑ Finalize Tree Change Guide – Assignment to **Darla**
- ❑ Distribute PM Wkshp Interim Report – Assignment to **Darla**
- ❑ Re-Write Emily – Assignment to **Darla**
- ❑ NBTT Briefing Objective & Agenda – Assignment to **Rebecca/Darla** due **June 8**
- ❑ June Meeting Notes – Assignment to **Darla/Rebecca**
- ❑ Finalize WRAP Input Summary – Assignment to **Darla/Rebecca**
- ❑ PM Wkshp Interim Report – draft a Cover Letter - Assignment to **Darla/Rebecca**
- ❑ Finalize PM Wkshp Discussion Notes – Assignment to **Darla/Rebecca**
- ❑ List of changes and items for consideration for each Annotated Section – Assignment to **Rebecca/Darla** – from PM Workshop Notes & WRAP Input Summary