

FEJF Conference Call Notes
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Conference Call Participants:

Darla Potter, WDEQ-AQD, FEJF Co-Chair; Mark Fitch, AZ Interagency SMP, FEJF Co-Chair; Dave Randall, Air Sciences Inc.; Deb Wolfe, MT DEQ; Bob Habeck, MT DEQ; Chet Sergent, NV BAQP; Brian Finneran, OR DEQ; Dan Redline, ID DEQ; Coleen Campbell, CO APCD; Joan Hardesty, AK DEC; Neva Sotolongo, CARB; Andrea Boyer, Nez Perce Tribe; Paul Schlobohm, BLM NIFC; Brian Mitchell, NPS; Tom Webb, USEPA R9; Jim Russell, FS / BLM; Lisa Bye, BLM/FWS/NPS; Pete Lahm, USDA-FS; Christi Gordon, USDA-FS

This was a monthly conference call to check on the status of the active FEJF tasks. The concept is for these calls to last 1 hour and focus on brief (no more than 10 minutes per task) status updates for ongoing tasks.

Inter RPO Wildfire Emissions Inventory & Additional Tasks (Dave Randall, Air Sciences Inc.)

- EI files have been posted.
- One or two weeks away from completion of documentation and extra tasks, this will be posted for review and comment.

Phase III/IV Emissions Inventories (Dave Randall, Air Sciences Inc.)

- Phase III Representative Baseline 2000-2004 EI
 - Baseline EI files have been posted.
 - E-mail announcement with URL will be sent out.
 - Brief documentation on baseline files will follow in couple of weeks.
 - It was pointed out these are nominal files for RH planning...states should wait for the documentation to be clear about what these EI files represent and their appropriate use.
- Phase IV Projection 2018 EI
 - Air Sciences has input from Interagency Fuels Committee (projection targets) and Jim Russell (ERT suites) and is doing prep for the workshop next week on November 1-2 in San Diego.
 - Task Team conference call this week – Thursday, October 27 at 3 pm MTN.

As requested, the names of those who comprise the Phase III/IV Task Team were read and those persons who had RSVP for the November 1-2 workshop were distributed via e-mail.

Emission Reduction Technique Task (Dave Randall)

- ERT look-up table was circulated to Task Team as well as subject matter experts.
 - Feedback has been received from Roger Ottmar and will be incorporated as appropriate.
 - Jim Russell has provided feedback in relation to suites of combinations of ERTs

- The ERT look-up table will be refined and distributed to the FEJF.
- This work is important for the Phase IV Projection EI as well as Annual Emission Goals.

Regional Coordination Task (Deb Wolfe)

- Breakout session at September FEJF meeting in Missoula, MT that focused on document refinement using redline/strikeout.
- The finished document is coming and will be made available to the Task Team for feedback.
- The document will then be distributed to the FEJF prior to the Seattle, WA meeting.
- It was pointed out that the document is something that will likely need to be updated/revised/revisited annually as it is envisioned to be a dynamic document.

Fire Tracking System Task (Joan Hardesty)

- The Task Team is looking for an existing system that meets our needs by preparing a scope of work to evaluate existing and operational fire tracking systems.
- The Task Team had a conference call on October 20 to discuss changes to the draft scope of work.
- The scope of work discusses operation systems that should be evaluated; optional tasks that would be nice to be included; how systems can interface to exchange data. Ron King (AK DEC) is reviewing the final scope of work and it should be distributed shortly.
 - Mark needs to get Joan and Ron the info on ERT elements.
 - Tom Moore needs to get Joan and Ron the follow up with FL and NC/SC.
- The evaluation of existing and operational FTS has been sole sourced to Air Sciences and EC/R. The Task Team will finalize the scope of work and get it and the contract out this week or next. A draft workplan should be prepared by mid November for Task Team review. The final Workplan should be presented at the FEJF Nov 30/Dec 1 meeting. The draft and final deliverables are due in Feb/Mar 2006.

Jim Russell mentioned that CH2M Hill is making changes to FASTRACS and to go to a web based system for Oregon and Washington data systems. Jim wants to talk with Ron about this.

Dan Redline asked if any of the FTS include ag burning? The systems on list for evaluation are: FASTRACS (OR); Airshed Management System (MT/ID); NM Smoke Management Database; Nez Perce Tracking System; FL; NC/SC. The Nez Perce is an agriculture tracking system and the NM system also tracks ag.

Dave Randall asked if anybody thought about including the San Joaquin FTS for ag? No the Task Team did not, but Darla will relay that suggestion to Ron King. Even if it is not included on the list in the scope of work, the scope of work allows the contractors to identify other FTS for evaluation to be approved by the Task Team.

Sensitivity Analysis Task & Plume Rise Task (Darla Potter / Dave Randall)

- The RMC is ready to begin work. Air Sciences has transferred the files.
- The modeling tasks are on the timeline with a plan to present the results at the Nov 30/Dec 1 FEJF meeting.

- Dave Randall described the data files sent to RMC.

Natural/Anthropogenic Guidance (Bob Habeck)

- At the meeting in Missoula, an approach for categorization of escaped prescribed fire was presented.
- The final documentation (EPF Guidance, N/A Guidance, EPF statistics) was sent out on October 21 for review and comment.
 - The highest incidence of escaped prescribed fire is 1%.
 - Bob will compile comments sent in.
- Conference call on November 21 at 10 am MTN.
- Goal is to achieve final consensus by the Nov 30/Dec 1 FEJF meeting.

November 30-December 1, 2005 FEJF Meeting Reminders (Darla)

- The next FEJF Meeting is scheduled to occur November 30 - December 1 in Seattle, Washington.
- Reminder - The room block cutoff is November 15.
- The draft agenda should be prepared and distributed next week.

Next Monthly Conference Call (Darla)

- The monthly conference calls will be held the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10 am MTN.
- There will not be a call in November due to the FEJF meeting on November 30-December 1, 2005.
- Due to the holidays, the next call will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month, December 20, 2005 at 10 am MTN. Phone number 312.461.9324 Access code 915601