

NRCG Prevention & Education Committee

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2004 WORKSHOP

- Week of April 26, 2004
- To be held at John Ascuaga’s Nugget in Reno, NV

2005 WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

- Location: Bozeman/Livingston first pick; Billings second choice
- Tentative dates: April 25-29, 2005
- Target audience: RFD, eastern MT, North Dakota, tribes
- Scholarships for RFD a great success last year; should continue in 2005
- What will draw people: travel time, cost, attractions, program agenda
- To do list: Locate convention facility, identify accommodations, BBQ possibility
- Topics for sessions: community/county fire planning, education, field trip to local fire management site, funding, agency prevention programs, mitigation grants and success stories, Firewise Communities, Lewis & Clark traveling fire education display, new Junior Forest Ranger program, forming community partnerships, local speakers, PR on a shoestring, media interaction (Dennis Carlson), advertising

IC	Lee Clark/ Tim Sayles
Operations	Pat Cross/Jeremy Pris
Logistics	Brian Conneley/?
Finance	Jamie R. (SWLO)
Plans	T. Mullen/S. Groth/J. Wilson
PIO	M.Baumberger/K. Vannice

PREVENTION TEAM REPORTS

- SW Montana – Tim Sayles
- NW Montana – Pat Cross, Jeremy Pris
- Idaho – Sandy Groth
- E Montana – Mike Dannenberg
- SC Montana – Marianne Baumberger

NATIONAL FPE TEAM CONCERNS

- FPE teams – “national members don’t integrate well with local personnel”
- Who gets called? People on the list aren’t getting called for assignments
- Can’t get leader w/o getting the whole team
- Red card system in future? ICS position?
- Ability to order positions based on need
- User name and password, but no information on the location of the website to register own availability
- Brought up idea of getting SCA group for prevention needs and use as a regional resource that is mobile (outside pool of help)

FPE TEAM MEMBER TRAINING

- Hosted by Northern Rockies
- **Jon Agner** will be the course coordinator
- April 5th or May 10th are possible dates
- To be held in Missoula
- Need to help identify possible candidates from NR

NRCG PREPAREDNESS LEVELS & PREVENTION

- Published in mob guide
- Need to spread awareness to look and read mob guide
- Utilize these guidelines to implementing Prevention support ahead of critical fire situations!

FPE COMMITTEE ROLES

- When in a situation like this year, who is setting goals and objectives for prevention efforts?
- What is the degree of involvement of this committee, when assistance for prevention efforts is warranted?
- Do we need a facilitator/liaison to manage and communicate and monitor the big picture, as part of the MAC group?
- Do we need guidelines for expectations for prevention help? Examples include the following: requirement of goals/objectives, statement of rationale, time frame, territory to cover, need for facilitator, broad-scale responsibilities of facilitator, coordination needs, etc.
- Look at geographic perspective but individual efforts
- Item tabled and re-opened for discussion the following day
- Group agreed to pursue the roles of this committee

- Group to look at guidelines for operations and the geographic level facilitator/liaison position
- **Lee Clark** will look for existing “criteria check list” used to order national Prevention Teams

NEW FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMS

- **WILDLAND FIRE AWARENESS WEEK**
- 3rd week in June in Idaho; May 10-16th in Washington and other western states
- Has to be a state proclamation
- Committee will support either time frame
- **Pat Cross** will talk with ND to see what they are doing
- Look at “prevention” vs. “awareness”
- Need to identify specific message and target audience
- **HOME DEPOT**
- Active in FPE programs in other states, distributing FPE message on large scale
- Need to ask local managers to participate
- Ideas include models of “good/bad” houses, mini-workshops, brochure racks, mock-ups with engines
- **Lee Clark** will follow up with stores in the Montana area
- ACE in Missoula is running a week-long sale in April for items used in defensible space – “ACE is the place for defensible space” Jon Agner has this info
- **FIRE SAFE COUNCILS**
- Need to look at from the perspective of homeowner’s teaching and preparing themselves
- CA and NV have growing FSC’s
- Need to have a group of people (not necessarily fire professionals) take the lead
- Need to get these other people involved, with our support

TRAINING

- Are we meeting our geographic needs?
- 6 or 7 courses exist now but are outdated
- Training should support development of a career ladder in prevention and provide service
- DNRC training is the 3rd week in June for 4 days (P101, P201)
- P151 is now P210 (Fire Cause & Determination)
- The NFP has changed the face of the “old” prevention program; need to revamp position description exists.
- Identified the need for the following sessions: Restrictions & Closures for county commissioners and local government, Industrial Operation Inspection Workshop, Educational Strategies, Home Mitigation Workshop, Grant Training Session
- **Mike Dannenberg** will talk to Ruda next week about possibly have a 30-minute question-answer session at the GB Workshop in Reno, “What do you need?”
- Group agreed to sponsor a Home Mitigation Course this next year, to include an anticipatory set (Jill Wilson), Cohen’s Mitigation Course and segment on Firewise Communities (Pat Cross)

- Course committee includes **Jill Wilson, Pat Cross, Marianne Baumberger** and **Lee Clark**

OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF!

- **Sandy Groth** asked about having a representative from central Idaho attend our meetings, since it is hard for her to cover that much land
- She will talk to the NRCG zone rep
- SW area needs to appoint a new representative to this committee (vice Fox)
- **Lee Clark** will follow up with Pat McKelvey, regarding Central Montana Zone representation
- **Pat Cross** and DNRC are having Firewise trainings in Billings/Miles City and Helena. He is looking for help and assistance. Let him know if you are willing to give some time in Jan/Feb of 2004.
- **Pat Cross** is researching options for the restrictions and closure website
- Smokey Bear nominations are due January 19, 2004. Call **Cathy Scofield** for more information.
- 2005 FPE **Workshop committee** will communicate via conference calls. **DATE & LOCATION NEED TO BE ANNOUNCED AT APRIL WORKSHOP IN RENO!**

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MARCH 8TH, 2004
CDA, ID**