

**NRCG Prevention & Interface Committee Meeting  
November 8-9 2006 – Missoula, Montana**

Action items are in italics

**Members Present**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>AGENCY/GROUP</b>
Jamie Kirby	Southwest Zone rep., Chair/DNRC, SWLO
Terina Mullen	BLM, BFO
Dena Lang	Eastern Zone rep./BLM, MFO
Marianne Baumberger	South central Zone rep./Gallatin NF
Mike Dannenberg	BLM Agency rep./BLM State Office
Vickie Ellickson	IDL Agency rep.
Pat Cross	DNRC Agency rep./DNRC
Tim Crosmer	NRCG Training committee rep./DNRC
Dan McGowan	NRCG Board Liaison/MT DES
Lisa Osborn	Kootenai NF
Shannon Downey	Central Zone rep./BLM, Lewiston
Dean Burnham	GB Prevention Committee rep./Region 4 FS
Sandy Groth	N. Idaho Zone rep./Region 1 FS
Maria Helterline	Lolo NF
Courtney Couch	Clearwater NF

**2007 Prevention Conference**

***Location***

Red Lion (Post Falls) and Coeur d'Alene Inn (Best Western) were two choices. Best Western room rate is \$65, compared to Red Lion at \$69. Red Lion had very nice facilities, but not much for nearby amenities. Best Western has shuttle buses that take people downtown frequently. **Group decided on going with the Coeur d'Alene Inn Best Western.**

*\*Sandy will get occupancy #'s (classroom and theatre styles) for each room and whether they can combine to make one large room.*

***Date***

Last week of April, first week of May. April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>. Monday and Friday are travel days. Full days run Tuesday through Thursday. NRCG committee members **will** be there Monday morning, have a debriefing each night, and have a full debrief on Thursday after the workshop.

***Registration***

If field trip happens, registration fee will be \$75.

Group will continue to look for options on taking credit cards. Dan gave Jamie contact info for using Dept. of Administration.

*\*Jamie will call the contact for more information.*

**Organization**

Incident Commander: **Mike**

Finance/Registration: **Vickie**

Plans: **Lisa**

Ops Chief: **Pat C.**

Ops Tuesday: **Jamie**

Ops Wednesday: **Pat M.**

Ops Thursday: **DC**

Logistics: **Sandy**

Safety: **Tim C.**

Information Officer: **Local Idaho person - \*Sandy/Vickie will identify**

Computer Techs: **Local Idaho person - \*Sandy/Vickie will identify**

Field Trip Committee: **Tim C. Sandy, Pat C.**

**AGENDA – “Education and Implementation”**

TUESDAY 5/1			WEDNESDAY 5/2			THURSDAY 5/3		
0800	Welcome/Intro: IC/State Fire Marshall		0800	Intro/Recap		0800	Intro/Recap	
0830	Conflicting Multiple Messages Panel		0815	Climate Change		0830	Lessons Learned Website	
1000	Squirts/Break		0915	Squirts/Break		1000	Squirts/Break	
1030	Reaching the Hard to Reach		0945	Mitigation & Wildlife Benefits		1030	Partnership Building	
1200	LUNCH		1100	Prepare for Field Trip		1200	LUNCH	
1330	Prev. Coops	Role of Fire	1130	FIELD TRIP		1330	S I	Fireworks Trunk
1430	Non-Trad Partners	Capture attn/mng crowds		Silver Mtn. or Wallace		1430	G N S	Canada GIS
1530	Rx Fire Use	ID Coop Program		BBQ meal Speaker Steve Arno (Fire Ecology)		1530	Break/Awards	
1700	No-Host Social		1830			1630	Fire Marshall Wrap-Up	

**Speakers and person responsible for contact**

State Fire Marshall – Mark Larson - **Vickie**

Conflicting Messages (Panel) – Mike is Facilitator; **Courtney, Vickie, Pat C.** find speakers

Squirts: 1) Firesquirts Summer Camp 2) Non-Trad Venues 3) Off-season Messages - **Jamie**

Reaching Hard to Reach – Dr. Steven Hollenhorst – **Courtney**

Prevention Coops – **Sandy**

Role of Fire – Jane Kaplar Smith - **Marianne**

Non-Trad Partners – **Mike**

Capturing attn/Mng crowds – Lori Iverson – **Dean**

Rx Fire Use – **Dena**

Idaho Coop Program - **Sandy**

Climate Change – Dr. Steve Running – **Jamie**

Mitigation & Wildlife Benefits – **Courtney**

Field Trip Ecology Speaker – Dr. Steve Arno – **Mike**

Field Trip Local FS Ranger Speaker - **Sandy**

Lessons Learned Center – **Mike**

Partnership Building/Grants – Steve Kratville – [Courtney](#)  
Fireworks Trunk – Jane Kaplar Smith – [Marianne](#)  
Prevention Inspections – Sue McCourt – ([Dean for Jeannette](#))  
Canada GIS – [Pat C.](#)  
Prevention Courses & Teams – ([Pat for DC](#))  
Signage Program – [Dean](#)

### ***Field Trip***

Plans are to bus conference participants to Kellog, ID; then take gondola to Silver Mountain resort. While on bus, participants will eat sack lunch. When on Mountain, will have speakers explain fire ecology and history of area from 1910 fires. Later in evening, will provide buffet BBQ dinner, then transport back.

Field Trip Committee formed to help streamline the event. Sandy will be in charge of plans, Tim C. will help with safety concerns, Pat C. will help with ops.

### ***Advertising***

All advertising will be done electronically this year.

*\*Marianne will develop Conference Brochure*

*\*Jamie, Sandy, and Terina will email appropriate contact lists to Lisa*

### ***Budget and Financing***

BLM, both MT and ID to contribute. Generally, R1 FS gives money, as well as donations from Keep Idaho Green and Keep Montana Green. Mike will be working with Vickie and will contact Jon Skinner to get better estimate of budget.

Group agreed to pass on providing scholarships this year due to expense of field trip. Meals will also be kept to minimum. Group agreed to provide coffee, refreshments and/or snacks during breaks throughout day, and snacks during no-host social. Other expenses include rental of Silver Mtn. Facility, buses, speaker fees, and room rentals for group command center and speakers.

*\*Vickie or Sandy - Look into sack lunches from other vendors to give people on bus.*

### ***Other items***

Day Chairs still need to be identified

*\*Everyone to contact speakers as assigned, and to collect door prizes for doing idea box*

*\*Everyone to come up with ideas for the give-away item that all conference participants will receive.*

Contests in categories such as: School Program; Product (outreach); Slogan; Community Event; Static Display

## Nov. 9 General Meeting

### Zone Reports

#### East Montana – Dena and Lisa

Busy fire season. Kept up with prevention messages and fire info. Fire causes were mostly lightning. Hosted Lewis & Clark activities, and continued normal prevention efforts.

Went to “stage 1 ½ restrictions” in Miles City area. The ½ was to have an open burn ban, but continue with agricultural activities. The modified restrictions seemed to work well. Relationship built with Ag Network (Taylor Brown). \*Lisa moved to NW Montana, so now there is an opening for the Billings area restrictions coordinator.

Pat – DNRC putting on 1-day Firewise workshops in E. Montana in November – December.

#### N. Idaho – Sandy, Vickie, Courtney

N. Idaho had a busy fire season. Didn’t go into restrictions.

Area has a big abandoned campfire issue. Sandy is working with news media, still using stakes in the fire pits, also utilizing garbage bags with a fire prevention message on them.

A “Safety Village” was developed and used at the fair, and was a good program.

Did a successful Spokane Indians baseball game

Vicki – KIG: had a poster contest, and recognized 2 new Firewise Communities.

Had great support from SCA (Student Conservation Association)

Courtney – area is seeing more burns in area, so educating on fire use. Prevention emphasis turning towards education for this

#### NW Montana - ??

Jeremy Pris had taken over for Marci Goheen temporarily, but now has a new job. Lisa Osborn just recently moved to the area.

*\*NRCG zone rep will need to officially appoint the designated prevention rep.*

#### Central Montana – Shannon, Tim

Went into stage 1 restrictions. Found better participation with the restrictions process.

Had radio ads in the Lewistown area

Some prevention done along river with Fish and Wildlife people to mitigate abandoned campfires

Tim – DNRC saw more requests for Smokey in the schools.

#### S. Central Montana – Marianne

Had busy fire season, couple of large fires.

Dusty Rixford replaced Kari Vannice.

Gallatin Co. CWPP getting signed and almost complete

S. Central zone looking into forming a prevention co-op

Found that the restrictions coordination was gone most of the season

Produced a couple of prevention products like drink cozies

Continued usual prevention and fire ecology programs

#### N. Dakota – ??

*\*Mike, Dena will contact Jeremy Olsen to let him know about his representation for the committee.*

Mike – ND experience on the busiest fire seasons in years. Jeremy was engaged in prevention activities and went into restrictions.

#### SW Montana – Jamie, Maria

Went into Stage 1 & 2 restrictions and stayed for 2 months.

Had several large fires in area, and used heavy suppression activity.

SW also had an Investigation Task Force, composed of Agency law enforcement personnel and fire investigators to deal with arson problems.

Maria - SW hosted a “local” prevention team: put up 3 billboards, posted signs in businesses, made more license protectors, did media work.

SW has a chartered prevention co-op that is a very good contact center for all prevention people in the area.

### **Information Officers**

Paula Rosenthal came to the meeting to briefly discuss the status with information officers. There is a proposed PIO meeting to happen this winter. It will be a steering committee tasked with developing a group for information officers. Paula asked that Terina Mullen be the prevention committee’s liaison to the group.

### **FireSafe Montana & KMG Update**

Paula, Pat - The new FireSafe council is teaming up with KMG to host an awards banquet. New award categories were in conjunction with the new council.

### **Charter**

The prevention committee’s charter was approved by the NRCG board, but was never signed. There are two different versions of the charter out right now. One is the revised charter from the Fall meeting (Great Falls) of '05, the other a proposed change involving members at large from the Spring meeting (Helena) of '06.

*\*Jamie will email each version to the committee to review and decide on whether to keep the change.*

### **Restrictions and Closures Training**

DNRC developed a training course aimed towards front office personnel and interior folks coming across restrictions in the summertime. It was a 2-hour course with powerpoint, desk reference, open book test, and certificate of completion. Was well received from people who took it, but still many improvements are needed. Any agency can take this powerpoint presentation and customize it to fit the needs of their agency. Prevention committee will look into making this available to the Northern Rockies organizations. Can be self-study on cd; will be looking into expanding. Feds need to take some of this training to locals in their areas.

### **NRCG 2006 Fall Board Meeting**

Jamie and Marianne (2007’s upcoming chair) will be going to the NRCG board meeting in Polson December 12 to give the yearly report to the board for the prevention committee. Jamie asked people to contact her if there are any issues wished to be

taken forward to the board. Report will mainly consist of conference planning activities and accomplishments for the year.

### Other Items

Pat – DNRC working on updating the fire protection guidelines document. He is hoping to get other agencies involved in this process. Letters to these agencies will be going out soon.

Membership – In addition to recruiting Jeremy Olsen in ND rep spot, a representative from the BIA needs to be identified. *\*Jamie will contact Tom Corbin for help with this.*

**\*\*\*NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 24-25, 2007 in COEUR D'ALENE\*\*\***