

EWITZ Meeting

February 18 @ 1000-Conference Call

Members Present:

Patti Jones-Okanogan/Wenatchee USFS	Vernon Stearns-Spokane Tribe
Hans Schmidt- Okanogan/Wenatchee USFS	Dave Martin-YCFD #5
Debbie Plummer-BLM	Joel Rogauskas-WA DNR
Scott Boyd-BLM	Debbie Robinson-SE DNR
Bill Dennstaedt-SCFD #3 (Region 9)	Phil Mosher-Chelan County #1
Charles Pimms-Yakama Tribe	Bill Zoodsma-Colville USFS
Jack ?-Yakama Tribe	Ed Wall-Colville USFS
Randy Friedlander-Colville Tribe	
Kim Smiskin-Colville Tribe	

Review and approve minutes from October meeting

- Patti started to form an internal instructor availability list. Send her instructor names and courses qualified to teach.
- Additional training links added to EWITZ site (Idaho Panhandle/Western WA). Also added several contractor led courses available throughout the state, but not offered through EWITZ.
 - Discussed the need for the classes, but try to get different contractors so it doesn't appear we are backing any certain one.

2010 Regional/National Needs Analysis

- Submit needs to Patti or Hans by March 4 to be considered.

MOU's

- Use the existing MOU's until the new ones are in place. (continue to stand by for the date)

Hosting 300/400 Level Courses

- Proposal paperwork can be found on the EWITZ home page under related links.
- Proposals should include: reason course is needed, dates the course would be offered, proposed cadre, and the proposed evaluation standards. Courses must adhere to NWCG standards.
- The PNWCG Training Working Team will have the final approval.

Mobile Lab Resources

- Ed expressed concern about the availability and lack of mobile labs in the region. Costs are too high to travel to Olympia.
- Will work with Wenatchee USFS to get situation figured out.
- When scheduling a course in which labs are required, it would be a good idea to secure the labs then set up the dates for the course.

Vendor Night

- February 24 @ 6:30 in Wenatchee
- EWITZ will have a booth set up. Patti, Hans, Debbie R. and possibly Joel will attend.

TWT Update

- NWCG restructuring-Operation Workforce Development Committee. Working on a charter and responsibilities.
- Wildfire Use teams going away.
- FEMO and FOBS task books are going to be combined due to very similar tasks and duties.
- Some online courses, such as S-190, don't always issue completion certificates. Working to resolve this issue.
- Skills crosswalk/GACC courses
- Moving toward "blended" courses
 - S-230/231, S-290 will be web and instructor based.
 - S-260 will be primarily moved to web based

*****Please send Patti course selections and completions so they can be posted on the web site.

Next meeting scheduled for October 7 @ 1000-Spokane District BLM