

**Notes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the  
North American Forest Commission – Fire Management Working Group  
Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada  
October 12-15, 2005**

Hosted by the Canadian Forest Service, Natural Resources Canada with local organizers, Fire Management & Forest Protection Branch of Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management

## **1.0 Welcome & Introductions**

Kelvin Hirsch (Canadian Forest Service, Northern Forestry Centre, Edmonton), Chair, welcomed participants and initiated introductions.

Participants: see Appendix 1

Kelvin noted the group would break into two groups, one for the business meeting and presentations as well as one to discuss fire management at the community level. The community group was convened at this year's meeting on an experimental basis to broaden the scope of the FMWG. Their purpose was to discuss and report on the similarities and differences in community level fire management between the three countries.

## **2.0 Review of Agenda**

Additional discussion items were accepted to the agenda (see Appendix 2):

- logo
- next international fire conference
- framework presentation

## **3.0 Background on FMWG**

Kelvin provided a brief historical/structural overview of the NAFC-FMWG

- inception in 1962
- Very active in fire prevention and study tours in the early years
- FMWG was instrumental in organizing the 1<sup>st</sup> International Wildfire Congress in Boston in 1989 and the subsequent Vancouver (1997) and Sidney (2003) congresses
- the Chair of the FMWG reports annually to the NAFC
- the FMWG is one of the more active NAFC working groups
- future plans for greater operational cooperation among Canada, Mexico, and US

#### **4.0 Update on the October 2004 meeting in Costa Rica**

- UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) is looking at wildfire as a natural hazard/disaster
- Under ISDR, Johann Goldammer of the Global Fire Monitoring Centre (GFMC) is leading the establishment of a global network comprised of a series of regional networks
- the NAFC –FMWG is one of the ISDR regional networks
- a declaration of wildfire cooperation was a result of the meeting in Costa Rica
- there was a stated need to move forward on greater international cooperation on wildland fire issues
- one of the base standards for international cooperation is ICS

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#### **5.0 International Funding**

- wildland fire is not a top priority for funding by aid agencies such as CIDA
- in Mexico, training is most important. Mexico has sought support from the US and Canada. 1998 was the worst wildfire season in Mexico. There is an opportunity for Mexico to train firefighters in Central America, the Caribbean, and South America; they are looking for an expansion of the training program
- Mexico is holding the first annual course in November for people from South America
- Mexico can assist in the emulation of FMWG by other ISDR groups in Latin America
- Given the ISDR and NAFC-FMWG are both under the UN there is a need to coordinate plans and activities more closely

**ACTION ITEM #3** - Look at funding options for international fire activities by inviting international funding agencies (USAID, CIDA) to the 2006 FMWG meeting. (Dale, Kelvin)

## **6.0 Web Site**

- Mark Beighley circulated 4 copies of web site home page for group feedback site is maintained by USFS international program and Dale Dague, USFS is the responsible FMWG member
- Mark would like to take a look at relationships and programs, organizational chart, devise conceptual aid
- minutes from previous meetings have been posted on the site – a good resource and record of events, meetings  
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## **6.1 Logo**

- Mark distributed 2 versions of the refurbished logo and FMWG certificates for group feedback

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## **7.0 Report on FMWG Presentation to the 2004 NAFC Meeting – Oscar Estrada**

- Oscar updated the group on the presentation he gave to the NAFC at their 2004 biannual meeting in Vera Cruz, Mexico. Oscar will circulate the report. The NAFC commissioners were generally supportive of the FMWG requests

**ACTION ITEM #8** - The report will be circulated to members. (Oscar)

### **8.0 2007 Wildland Fire Conference – Madrid, Spain**

- Wildland Fire Conference to be held February, 2007 in Madrid, Spain
- if the regional network concept is being discussed, there should be strong representation from the FMWG
- liaison members should be appointed from the FMWG
- Mark Beighley will discuss with Denny Truesdale - Denny is a member of the conference organizing committee

**DECISION #3** - The conference received unanimous endorsement.

**ACTION ITEM #9** - Update on conference planning via teleconference in February 2006. (Dale, 2006 US Chair to FMWG)

### **9.0 New Zealand/Australia – North American Study Tours**

- American and Canadian fire management staff participated in the five-week tour of New Zealand and Australia. Unfortunately, representatives from Mexico were unable to participate.

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### **10.0 Program Assistance Between EUA and Mexico - Oscar Estrada**

- Oscar gave a brief report on the continuing program
- Oscar also attended CWFS best practices workshop in Canada to assist Canada and gain ideas for the Strategic Plan in Mexico
- Mexico has a forest sector advisory council in every state - strategic documents will be presented to all councils as part of the consultation process
- strategic management fire plan (long-term)
  - workshop complete
  - 32 state programs will be added to this national strategic plan
  - March 2006 completion date
  - holding multi-country training courses
- with upcoming election and possible change in government, it is imperative that plans for the strategy be completed soon

## **11.0 Brochure**

The FMWG was supportive of the redrafting of the brochure, but with the web site, this is not as significant.

**ACTION ITEM #12** - Check with Dale Dague regarding the possibility of updating the brochure to highlight key features of FMWG and its accomplishments as a downloadable web product. (Mark)

## **12.0 Review of International Fire Policy - Hayley Hessel, University of Saskatchewan**

Hayley presented the initial findings of a review of international fire policy by comparing and contrasting policies in Canada, Mexico and the US. Hayley's presentation generated significant discussion and further feedback will be provided by each country.

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**ACTION ITEM #14** - The FMWG will consider presenting the revised policy paper to the NAFC as an official discussion paper.

## **13.0 Mexican Fire Information System - Juan Manuel Frausto**

Juan Manuel provided a detailed summary of financial transactions related to this initiative. Approximately one third of the funding for the Mexican Fire Information System remains.

**DECISION #4** – The FMWG approved the use of the remaining funds for the continued development of this system as per the plans presented by the Mexican delegation.

## **14.0 Country Reports**

For e-copies of the reports, see <ftp://ftp.nofc.cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/downloads/>.

### **14.1 US Report - Highlights**

#### **a) Emergency Response - Mark Beighley**

- because of the ICS (Incident Command System), the fire community is increasingly involved in support to the National Response Plan on non-fire events
- National Response Plans contain 15 Emergency Support Functions to provide structure for coordinating federal interagency support
- work load needs to be adjusted, non-fire incidents have put stress on fire support structure

- appears that fire agencies and NIFC are within the rapidly expanding scope
- fire personnel are well-trained and experienced in emergencies and are considered the experts
- building local support is needed in multiple, simultaneous emergencies
- Canadian support will also be sought to backfill
- FEMA and Homeland Security are building their own capabilities
- the emphasis on emergency response has a draw down affect on the other aspects of wildland fire management such as longer-term planning.

**b) Research – Mike Hilbruner**

- 90% done with a new fire strategy based on cooperation and collaboration between research stations
- effective 2006 budget year
- increase in the social science side is also being built into the strategy

**14.2 Canada Report – Highlights**

**a) 2005 Fire Situation – Dennis Brown**

- major fire activity in Canada in 2005 was in Québec and Ontario
- on at least two occasions the limit of available resources in Canada was reached

**b) Canadian Wildland Fire Strategy – Kelvin Hirsch**

- CWFS Declaration was signed on October 4, 2005 by the federal, provincial and territorial ministers responsible. The desire for a strategy arises from the need to address: the growing risk of wildfire to people and property, especially in the wildland/urban interface (ie. 2003 fire season); forest ecosystems that are stressed; and decreasing management capability and increasing cost
- strategic initiatives include education, policy and risk analysis; a Canadian FireSmart Program; world-class preparedness and response capability; and innovative scientific and technological development and implementation. The expected outcomes of the strategy are resilient and empowered communities; healthy and productive forest ecosystems; and best business practices
- provincial, territorial, and federal forest ministers will be approaching their respective governments for the significant funding needed to implement this strategy

### **14.3 Mexico Report - Highlights**

#### **a) 2005 Fire Situation & CONAFOR Fire Management Practices - Oscar Estrada**

- Oscar provided an overview of the 2005 fire situation.
- changes are occurring in how CONAFOR is developing fire management capacity and delivering fire management through cooperation with state governments and local community groups

#### **b) Fire Research - Germán Flores**

- Germán presented an overview of fire research needs in Mexico including the need for a Mexican fire research institute or cooperative

### **15.0 Development of Formal FMWG Work Plan**

#### **15.1 SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) Analysis**

- An “open space” style session was held with participants to review the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for the FMWG. This provided the basics for the development of a formal work plan for the FMWG for the upcoming year.

#### **Strengths**

- common challenges – dealing with the same sort of issues
- strength of commonality/international positive peer pressure
- personal relationships that end up leading to concrete results like Mexico/USA working on training; Canada/US fire fighter exchanges --- a result of personal relationships
- ICS contagion (FMWG pushed the agenda)
- existing protocols in case of emergencies --- we have come to each others aid in the past
- some research between our three countries (FMWG facilitates communication)
- commitment annually to meeting (by senior level officials)
- global vision of same problem
- history of some successful deliverables
- now both under FAO and an ISDR working group
- basic knowledge of each others' programs, structures, policies and challenges (annual information exchange)t
- the collective years of experience with fire management and research
- cost/organizational efficiency in learning from others history (lessons learned)
- established network between organizations/connections
- exchanging books/information/resource materials
- can take advantage of meeting with people to address other matters (makes these matters stronger/easier to deal with)

Note: Attribution of successes is somewhat difficult, however, without this committee, achieving those successes would be much more difficult – FMWG solidifies relationships at a higher level and thereby creates an environment in which many other cooperative activities can occur.

### **Weakness/Challenges**

- funding
  - to get people together as it is increasingly difficult to justify expenditures within each agency
  - to follow through on good ideas
- turnover of participants (consistency of representation)
- time commitment for individuals for NAFC activities
- limited direction/feedback from NAFC for this group
- do not let other people know about this group – what it has/can do
- not connected to other FAO fire working groups
- last few years more ad hoc activities; not highly strategic
- gotten away from developing products (or do not demonstrate what they are)
- no formal evaluation of this group

### **Opportunities**

- could have theme groups participate in FMWG meetings such as communities, research (specific topics), international resource exchanges, policy, etc. (can expand FMWG capacity) invite FAO fire group/or commission reps to the 40<sup>th</sup> meeting
- FMWG leadership in international cooperation (ie. sharing our best practices with others)
- increase visibility of NAFC - FMWG endorsements/sponsorship
- sponsor/conduct a session at the 4<sup>th</sup> international conference
- ask NAFC for funding for specific project
- proposal to CIDA, USAID regarding sending representatives to 4<sup>th</sup> IC
- organize thinking about how to put program on the ground
- clearing house/database/links on fire research (contact directory)
- international synthesis papers - possible topics (commission this)
  - policy analysis
  - fire behaviour
  - how fire management zones were developed
- establish knowledge network/database of who is doing what internationally (include NGOs)
- community fire management - share best/worst practices
- expansion of training course – ie. Mexico to other Latin American countries

## Threats

- at risk if we don't demonstrate relevance /performance
- prioritization - where does FMWG fit in various organizations? is it too low on the list?
- not a high level awareness of the ongoing challenge & the benefit of regular communication
- overcommitting/being unrealistic
- unconnected to larger bodies (NAFC,ISDR)
- continuity of members of the group

## 15.2 2006 Work Plan

| <b>Objective</b>   | <b>Activity</b>  | <b>Deliverable</b>   | <b>Timeline</b>              | <b>Responsible</b>   |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|--|
| Improve cooperation on wildland fire between Canada, Mexico, & USA   | Assessment of fire policy in North American countries through refinement of draft paper by Hayley Hessel   | International fire policy publication                                | Fall 2006                    | Kelvin/Dennis, Mark/Tom B., Oscar/Germán                     |
|  | Engage appropriate fire systems people to create North American fire danger mapping process                | Post daily fire danger map links on web site                         | Fall 2006                    | Dale, Roberto, Kelvin  |
|  | Enhance international /trilateral fire science cooperative   | Organize fire behaviour science meeting                              | Fall 2006                    | Mike H., Kelvin, Germán                                      |
|  |  | Develop N. A. fire science directory (web accessible)                | Fall 2006                    | Mike H., Kelvin, Germán                                      |
| Undertake and/or support opportunities for international development | Explore possibility of a session track at the 4 <sup>th</sup> International Fire Congress in Spain in 2007 | Report back to FMWG in February 2006 on options                      | February 2006                | Mark/Dennis, Roberto   |
|  | Meet with ISDR and FAO reps to discuss FMWG responsibilities, commitments and opportunities under ISDR     | Draft terms of reference for role in ISDR regional network           | December 2006                | Dale (to facilitate mechanisms for discussion with ISDR/FAO) |
|  | Invite CIDA and USAID to 2006 meeting  | Assessment of potential funding assistance from development agencies | April 2006 (invitation sent) | Dale   |
| Enhance FMWG committee efficiency and effectiveness                  | Conduct a mid-term conference call   | Update on action items   | February 2006                | Mark   |
|  | Complete, centralized collection/record of minutes/reports/activities                                      | Additions to web site (archive)                                      | Fall 2006                    | Kelvin/Sandra/Dale   |

## **16.0 - Community-based Fire Management Focus Group – facilitated by Dr. Barbara Kishchuk, CFS, Northern Forestry Centre**

Four groups with programs in community based fire management participated in a concurrent workshop session at the NAFC working group meeting. The community programs represented were:

- El Ejido El Largo y Anexos, Chihuahua, Mexico
- Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico, USA
- Fire Management & Forest Protection Branch, Saskatchewan Environment, Saskatchewan, Canada
- Wildfire Prevention and Restoration Program, Mexican Nature Conservation Fund, Mexico

Each group made a presentation to the workshop on their programs and activities with translation between Spanish and English, with an opportunity for discussion. Overarching differences in the context of the four programs were discussed, with respect to differences in community organization, land tenure and land use, and accountability.

The group developed a detailed matrix of experiences and concerns based on their collective experiences. Information and experiences were summarized under the following categories for each of the four participating groups:

- Drivers (philosophical and institutional motivators)
- Funding (sources, cycles, uses)
- Performance (performance objectives, measures, and monitoring)
- Jurisdictional Issues
- Linkages (with policy, with other agencies)
- Key Successes to Date
- Main Challenges for the Future

The group then collectively determined the common factors that had contributed to the success of all programs to date. Finally, recommendations were made for the enhancement of fire management at a community level in the three participating countries. These results will be summarized in a report for presentation to the NAFC.

**ACTION ITEM #15** - Compilation and completion of final report by February 2006. (Barb Kishchuk and Juan M. Frausto)

## **17.0 - Presentation of Distinguished Service Award**

A distinguished service award was presented by the chair to Mr. C. Allan Jeffrey, retired Director of the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC), in recognition of Mr.

Jeffrey's 25 plus years of active participation in the NAFC-FMWG and its many activities.

### **18.0 - Field Tour**

The group toured the province of Saskatchewan's Fire Management & Forest Protection Branch Fire Centre, viewed provincial firefighting aircraft, and visited the Prince Albert National Park's fuels management project/interpretive trail.

Appreciation is expressed to all SERM and Parks Canada staff for providing a highly informative and enjoyable day.

### **19.0 - Next Meeting and Chair**

The chair was transferred to the US. A conference call is to be conducted in February 2006. The next face to face meeting will be in the fall of 2006 (time and place TBA).

**ACTION ITEM #16** - Conference call in February 2006. (Dale)

## Appendix 1

| First Name | Last Name            | Organization  | Country | E-mail   |                        |
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| Dennis     | Brown                | Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC)                           | Canada  | <a href="mailto:Director@ciffc.ca">Director@ciffc.ca</a>                     | Delegate               |
| Kelvin     | Hirsch               | Canadian Forest Service   | Canada  | <a href="mailto:KHirsch@NRCan.gc.ca">KHirsch@NRCan.gc.ca</a>                 | Delegate               |
| Steve      | Roberts              | Fire Management & Forest Protection Branch (SERM)                         | Canada  | <a href="mailto:SRoberts@serm.gov.sk.ca">SRoberts@serm.gov.sk.ca</a>         | Delegate               |
| Oscar      | Estrada Murrieta     | National Forest Commission (CONAFOR)                                      | Mexico  | <a href="mailto:oestrada@conafor.gob.mx">oestrada@conafor.gob.mx</a>         | Delegate               |
| Germán     | Flores Garnica       | National Institute of Research on Forest, Agriculture and Cattle (INIFAP) | Mexico  | <a href="mailto:flores.german@inifap.gob.mx">flores.german@inifap.gob.mx</a> | Delegate               |
| Juan       | Manual Frausto Leyva | Mexican Nature Conservation Foundation (FMCN)                             | Mexico  | <a href="mailto:jmfl@mail.fmcn.org">jmfl@mail.fmcn.org</a>                   | Delegate               |
| Roberto    | Martínez Domínguez   | National Forest Commission (CONAFOR)                                      | Mexico  | <a href="mailto:Rmartinez@conafor.gob.mx">Rmartinez@conafor.gob.mx</a>       | Delegate               |
| Mark       | Beighley             | USDA Forest Service   | USA     | <a href="mailto:mbeighley@fs.fed.us">mbeighley@fs.fed.us</a>                 | Delegate               |
| Tom        | Boatner              | Bureau of Land Management (BLM)   | USA     | <a href="mailto:Tom_Boatner@nifc.blm.gov">Tom_Boatner@nifc.blm.gov</a>       | Delegate               |
| Dale       | Dague                | USDA Forest Service   | USA     | <a href="mailto:ddague@fs.fed.us">ddague@fs.fed.us</a>                       | Delegate (in absentia) |

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| Michael      | Hilbruner     | USDA Forest Service                               | USA     | <a href="mailto:mhilbruner@fs.fed.us">mhilbruner@fs.fed.us</a>           | Delegate  |
| Larry        | Fremont       | Fire Management & Forest Protection Branch (SERM) | Canada  | <a href="mailto:lfremont@serm.gov.sk.ca">lfremont@serm.gov.sk.ca</a>     | Guest     |
| Barb         | Kishchuk      | Canadian Forest Service                           | Canada  | <a href="mailto:BKishchuk@NRCan.gc.ca">BKishchuk@NRCan.gc.ca</a>         | Guest     |
| Luis Alfonso | Domínguez     | Chihuahua (Social Forestry Land Community)        | Mexico  | <a href="mailto:dominguezp46@hotmail.com">dominguezp46@hotmail.com</a>   | Guest     |
| Cosme        | Estrada       | Chihuahua (Social Forestry Land Community)        | Mexico  | 0165257 3-00-15 y 3-00-04  | Guest     |
| Víctor       | Gómez-Herrera | Chihuahua (Social Forestry Land Community)        | Mexico  | 0165257 3-03-16  | Guest     |
| Rick         | Deiaco        | Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico                    | USA     | <a href="mailto:rick.deiaco@voruidoso.com">rick.deiaco@voruidoso.com</a> | Guest     |
| Marie        | Braaten       | Fire Management & Forest Protection Branch (SERM) | Canada  | <a href="mailto:MBraaten@serm.gov.sk.ca">MBraaten@serm.gov.sk.ca</a>     | Organizer |
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| Jeff              | Weir             | Parks Canada               | Canada         | <a href="mailto:jeff.weir@pc.gc.ca">jeff.weir@pc.gc.ca</a> | Speaker |

**APPENDIX 2**  
**North American Forestry Commission – Fire Management Working Group**  
**39<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Agenda**  
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**Tuesday, October 11**

Travel to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

**Wednesday, October 12**

**Wildlife Federation Building, Hwy #2, Prince Albert**

**08:30 - Welcome and Opening Ceremonies**

**09:00 - Business Session (Part 1)**

- Review 2005 agenda
- Review 2004 Meeting Minutes
- Review Action Items 2004 Meeting
  - Framework Presentation
  - Web Site
  - Allan Jeffrey Award
  - Program Assistance between EUA and Mexico
  - Report on Outcomes 2004 Meeting  
Oscar Estrada Murrieta (CONAFOR)
  - Financial Statement Report from  
Mexican Nature Conservation Fund –  
Juan Manuel (FMNC)
  - Charter Revision

**09:00 - Community Representative Session  
(Part 1)**

- Presentations by Community Leaders (30 mins. each)
  - Mexico
  - USA
  - Canada
- Discussion of wildland/urban interface fire management practices and experiences: problems, solutions, results, recommendations

**12:00 - Lunch**

**13:00 - Information Exchange (Part 1)**

- International Fire Policy Review - Hayley Hesseln (University of Saskatchewan) (30 mins.)
- Overview and Critical Issue Statements (45 mins. each)
  - Mexico
  - USA
  - Canada

**17:00 - End of session**

**18:00 - Reception at South Hill Inn** - hosted by Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management (SERM)

## APPENDIX 2

Thursday, October 13

Wildlife Federation Building, Hwy #2, Prince Albert

### 08:30 - Business Session (Part 2)

- FMWG Futuring (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats)
- Linkages/activities Under ISDR Regional Network
- Work Plan for 2006
- 2006 Meeting/Chair

### 08:30 - Community Representative Session (Part 2)

- Discussion - Commonalities & Differences
- What are 1 or 2 key common activities/actions that would enhance fire management at a community level in all three countries?

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- Community-based Fire Management - Best Practices Case Studies (20 mins. & questions)
  - Mexico
  - USA
  - Canada

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### 19:00 - Banquet (hosted by Canadian Forest Service)

- Presentation of Distinguished Service Award to Allan Jeffrey

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Field Tour

- 08:30** - Tour of Provincial Forest Fire Centre (1 hr)  
- Travel to Prince Albert National Park (1 hr)  
- Fire Management in PA National Park - Jeff Weir (Parks Canada) (1 hr)

### 12:00 - Hawood Inn, Waskesiu (hosted by Parks Canada)

- 01:30** - Tour of Fuels Management Projects / Town Site Interpretive Trail (1.5 hrs)

### 17:00 - Arrive at South Hill Inn, Prince Albert

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### SUMMARY OF ACTIONS & DECISIONS

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