

## *NFPORS Round Robin Conference Call Notes*

June 19, 2003

Attendees: Betty Blocker\* (R1), Elise Bowne (R2), Susan Varner and Beth Corbin (R4, Wasatch-Cache NF), Christie Neill (R5), Dan Olsen (R8), Jeff Waalks, Ken Cushing and Meredith Webster (WO).

Leader and Note Taker: Peter Bedker (NA)

### Introductory Remarks:

NFPORS Release 1.5.1 was released on Wednesday. It's one of our first releases that is largely composed of user requested changes that enhance usability. Changes include: new portlets that display all activities and treatments for the default Fiscal Year, new quick links to existing project, activity, treatment and treatment unit lists, and the ability to select multiple T&E species at one time. In addition, on-line help manuals have been recently added.

Please remember that we are getting all sorts of requests for information. If we think we can reasonably answer the question from NFPORS without a data call we will. As an example, I was recently asked to provide a break-out of the number of planned hazardous fuels treatments and planned acres for FY03 by NEPA type and State. The results are presented in Table 1. This requires that you continue to maintain the information to the best of your abilities.

### Round Robin Questions/Comments:

WO – The importance of monitoring the activities of the National Fire Plan is gaining prominence. It is likely that NFPORS will be looked to for answering some of the monitoring questions. This is especially true regarding the hazardous fuels and post-fire rehabilitation categorical exclusions. The dominant monitoring question is were the categorical exclusions properly applied (Y/N).

R8 – Are there any changes planned for how Communities at Risk are selected?

*The Ten Year Comprehensive Strategy Implementation Plan requires that states establish prioritized lists of communities at risk. This effort is currently underway. As a result we are very hesitant to make any changes to the Communities at Risk portion of NFPORS until the reprioritization effort is complete. This effort will likely result in changes to the information collected in NFPORS and I can see expending time and energy making changes now, only to change it again later.*

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\* In spirit. Betty submitted her questions before hand because she had a scheduling conflict.

R5 – Is there a national effort to build or establish a crosswalk between NFPORS and FACTS?

*We are aware of the issue. We have begun to talk about it, but no there is not really an effort underway.*

R2 - Will you incorporate the Activity, Treatment and Treatment Unit Local Identifiers into the appropriate NFPORS reports?

*This is a good question. However, I think the best place to incorporate them is in the datasets made available from the NFPORS Management Dashboard. The dashboard can be found at the following web address: <http://nfpors.xservices.com>. You will be prompted for a User Name and Password. Enter the following:*

*User Name: webuser  
Password: rpt4you*

*Addendum: We are going to add the Activity, Treatment and Treatment Unit Local Identifiers to the daily Microsoft Excel reports and the Brio ad hoc queries.*

R1 - I have clicked on FY02 on the opening page of the Lolo NF for the Northern Region, then I click on the Treatment Details area and again click on 2002. Why does the report include records from 2001, 2003, 2004, etc.?

*The “Change FY for Summary Data” link on the Administrative Tasks portlet does just what it says. This sets the fiscal year for the summary information displayed to you on the Unit portal page. When you click on the “[More..]” link on the Active Treatments/To Do List portlet, a portlet that displays all treatments for the unit is displayed. This is our intended behavior.*

*However, we have just added two new portlets that display treatments and activities, respectively for the selected fiscal year. This new portlet displays the information that took you three clicks, as described in your question, to get to.*

*These new portlets may be turned on by clicking on the “Customize Portal” link in the Administrative Task portlet and then by clicking on the “Select displayed portlets” link.*

R8 – What Community Assistance accomplishments are reported through NFPORS?

*Only those accomplishments funded through the State Fire and Volunteer Assistance programs. Activities funded through the Economic Action Program are to be reported through the EAP database.*

R5 - Will the WO be producing a report of the Hazardous Fuels projects funded through the Stevens monies?

*This is a good question. I will make a stab at a draft report that identifies the selection criteria that will be to produce the report and circulate it for review.*

R4 - We have some folks that need edit access for multiple forests. How is this accomplished?

*I have been surprised by the number of folks that need access to multiple units, sometimes even across departments. This is an identified change that needs to be made to NFPORS. However, it is fairly complex and has not yet been scheduled. In the interim, folks just need to request multiple accounts one for each unit that they need access to.*

R1 - When the data was rolled over from NFPInfo would it have dumped unidentified Treatments into the Treatment Unit area in the Rehab and Restoration part?

*I'm not sure I fully understand this question. I think the answer is no. In NFPInfo, projects were identified by Key Point Area (as they are in NFPORS). Treatments are assigned to projects, so unidentified treatments would be created within their specific key point area. In turn, we created one treatment unit for each treatment in NFPInfo.*

*I guess that I am unsure about my answer, because I don't understand by what you mean when you say "unidentified treatment."*

R8 – Dan asked three good questions at the end, but I have forgotten them by now. Sorry!

R1- Any more direction or information on how to enter hazardous fuels acres on Timber Sales? I know if they have that as the primary purpose they should be counted but what if it is a side benefit?

*Betty – this is largely a question of policy. It was discussed on the last fuels conference call. I am a little foggy on the details, but the upshot is that the direction in the budget advice was a bit premature and that secondary benefits would not be counted this year. The authoritative source on this is Mark Beighley.*

R1 - Infra, TIMS, FSVEG all have a website for information on the databases, will NFPORS have one coming soon?

*We have discussed creating a document library and incorporating it into the "Training Opportunities" site. In fact, it is on my to do list. We have not discussed expanding it to a full blown site that might provide news items, discussion forums, etc.*

R1 - Is there a list somewhere of all the Treatment Categories and all the Treatment Types to choose from? I looked in the Users Manual and under definitions it lists a completely different list than the drop downs.

*This question has made me aware of a problem with the definitions section of the new KP2 Users Guide. The current guides are drafts that we are suppose to be reviewing. I will try and get it fixed. For right now the list is attached. Betty, I know you produce screen captures that accomplished the same thing, but my list is smaller.*

**Table 1. USDA Forest Service FY2003 Proposed Hazardous Fuels Treatments by State and NEPA Type**  
(Source: NFPORS – May 29, 2003 2:30 AM).

State	NEPA - CATX		NEPA - EA		NEPA - EIS		Not Identified		Total	
	Number of Treatments	Planned Acres	Number of Treatments	Planned Acres	Number of Treatments	Planned Acres	Number of Treatments	Planned Acres	Number of Treatments	Planned Acres
AK			5	1,472					5	1,472
AL	85	93,991	1	624					86	94,615
AR	5	23,850	81	149,429			13	31,343	99	204,622
AZ	16	12,509	48	34,071	1	100	44	36,863	109	83,543
CA	16	5,068	97	55,724			191	72,510	304	133,302
CO	16	8,662	97	64,754	2	1,536	56	19,679	171	94,631
FL	159	194,402	50	26,650					209	221,052
GA	75	52,241	1	362					76	52,603
ID	32	30,322	160	25,902	20	20,297	160	19,980	372	96,501
IL							4	388	4	388
IN			1	1,759					1	1,759
KY	14	10,539					20	7,811	34	18,350
LA							94	124,373	94	124,373
ME			4	13			1	5	5	18
MI			17	4,605			10	1,512	27	6,117
MN			1	550			73	31,028	74	31,578
MO			4	5,479	1	3,600	4	5,268	9	14,347
MS	62	77,752					108	222,250	170	300,002
MT	47	7,900	59	21,706	27	8,248	193	59,182	326	97,036
NC	24	4,925	114	48,399					138	53,324
ND			3	2,950			1	200	4	3,150
NE			11	3,258			2	160	13	3,418
NH			14	88			1	5	15	93
NM	4	8,130	38	21,374			70	68,349	112	97,853
NV	16	2,595	5	600			16	2,535	37	5,730

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NY	11	195							11	195
OH			1	7,500					1	7,500
OK			1	550			19	4,400	20	4,950
OR	3	3,210	12	4,043			911	114,331	926	121,584
SC	4	2,410					16	37,820	20	40,230
SD			10	2,960			35	5,135	45	8,095
TN	16	22,118					3	120	19	22,238
TX							3	55,000	3	55,000
UT	7	8,320	35	25,060	4	2,550	10	9,536	56	45,466
VA	10	12,920	2	2,536			3	2,960	15	18,416
VT	61	832							61	832
WA							78	17,329	78	17,329
WI	6	174	2	35			9	682	17	891
WV	1	46	1	52			6	880	8	978
WY	5	100	29	13,179			24	5,478	58	18,757
Not Identified							4	300	4	300
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>583,211</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>525,684</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>36,331</b>	<b>2,182</b>	<b>957,412</b>	<b>3,836</b>	<b>2,102,638</b>

**Rehabilitation and Restoration Activity and Treatment Categories and Types.**

CLASS	CATEGORYNAME	TYPENAME	UNITOF MEASURE		
Activity	Administration	Contract administration	each		
		Contract preparation	each		
		Public education/interpretation	each		
		Special use permit administration	each		
		Volunteer coordination	each		
	Assessment	Fire damage assessment	each		
		Risk assessment	each		
		Species/habitat inventory	each		
	Monitoring	Ecosystem recovery monitoring	each		
		Treatment effectiveness monitoring	each		
	Planning	Appeal	each		
		Consultation	each		
		ES/BAER Plan	each		
		NEPA - CATX	each		
		NEPA - DNA	each		
		NEPA - EA	each		
		NEPA - EIS	each		
		Prescription and design	each		
		Treatment	Abandoned Mines	Abandoned mine stabilization	each
			Erosion/Sedimentation	Build impoundments or flow control structures	each
		Catchment basin cleanout	each		
		Channel debris removal	miles		
		Channel stabilization	miles		
		Erosion control	acres		
		Hillslope protection	acres		
		Hydrophobicity treatment	acres		
		Repair impoundments, trenches, or control structures	each		
		Revegetation	acres		
		Riparian restoration	miles		
		Seeding-aerial	acres		
		Seeding-drill	acres		
		Seeding-hand	acres		
	Facilities and Infrastructure	Facility closure	each		
		Fence repair	miles		
		Fence replacement	miles		
		Repair administrative facility	each		
		Repair recreation facility	each		
		Replace administrative facility	each		
		Replace recreation facility	each		
		Stabilize/secure/protect structures	each		
		Water system reconstruction	each		
	Heritage Resources	Protect heritage sites	each		

CLASS	CATEGORYNAME	TYPENAME	UNITOF MEASURE
		Site stabilization	each
		Site treatment	each
	Insect and Disease Control	Prevention	acres
		Suppression	acres
	Invasive Species	Biological treatment	acres
		Chemical treatment	acres
		Hand treatment	acres
		Mechanical treatment	acres
		Native seed collection	acres
		Prevention/mulching	acres
		Prevention/seeding	acres
	Land Ownership	Boundary establishment	each
		Landline survey	miles
	Protection and Warning	Flood warning systems	each
		Protective fence/barriers	miles
		Toxic substance mitigation	each
		Warning signs	each
	Range	Animal roundup/control	each
		Range improvement	acres
		Repair grazing management facility	each
	Reforestation	Cone collection	acres
		Nursery stock	acres
		Plantation maintenance	acres
		Plantation protection	acres
		Planting	acres
		Seeding	acres
		Site preparation	acres
	Roads	Culverts	each
		Hazard removal	miles
		Planting/seeding	acres
		Prism	miles
		Road closure	miles
		Road obliteration	miles
		Signs	each
		Structures	each
	Suppression Activity	Damage repair	acres
		Fireline treatment	miles
	Trails	Hazard removal	miles
		Infrastructure	each
		Trail reconstruction	miles
		Trailhead repair	each
	Wildlife Habitat	Lake habitat improvement	acres
		Stabilize/secure/protect critical habitat	acres
		Stream habitat improvement	miles
		Terrestrial habitat improvement	acres

CLASS	CATEGORYNAME	TYPENAME	UNITOF MEASURE
		Terrestrial habitat structures	each