

Minutes from the 6/23/04 NFPORS Users Group Meeting

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Russ' Report

Last month's activities

- Report of June CCB meeting
- CCB reviewed and revised SCR list
- Discussed and developed MD – DCT integration plans (NFPORS v.2)
- Developed improved account management procedures, including password security and Administrator roles
- Discussed hardware and software configuration options

NFPORS v 1.10.4 Release – changes to Activity Categories and Types, especially NEPA types

Business Case development and updates

DOI Fuels Team decision to assemble Treatment counts by NEPA Type from cuff records until FY05.

Non-NFP Module Report (Allan Fitzsimmons)

Allan's requirement is to report non-NFP secondary benefit accomplishments (acres) by the end of the FY. The Fuels Team thinks that (for DOI) the use of NFPORS is too much work and since data entry would come from a variety of people and sources (coupled with the lack of adequate training), a "de minimus" set of reports could be collected using cuff records (spreadsheets) for DOI. This information would include: Number of acres treated, pre- and post CC, FR, WUI/non-WUI, and Category (MX or RX.)

Allan said that NFPORS would be used in the "out months" once the training and planning issues have been resolved.

Allan took the following questions:

1. (Sandy) Will BPS be used?
(Allan) We need to get all fuels benefits recorded and reported, but it needs to be accurate. This is another reason why the definition of "Project" is so important.
2. (Russ) When will the transition to use of NFPORS be complete?
(Allan) "Shifting into NFPORS" will be a "process." What we are doing right now is a "stop-gap" procedure.
3. (Ted) Ted said that he has already provided a minimum set of NFPORS data elements to John Segar for the purpose of composing the spreadsheets that will be used to collect data in FY04.

4. (Russ) Who will enter DOI NFPORS data (for non-NFP) as we get into FY05?
(Allan) Allan's sense that that set of users will mostly be newbies and they will need to be trained.

Full Force and Effect

Sandy said that she would produce an SCR that could be discussed at the next USG meeting.

Consultation – Planning & Archaeological Inventory

Sandy said that she would produce an SCR that could be discussed at the next USG meeting. The SCR would add an Activity that would collect data for Class II surveys.

There was some discussion on the subject. Sandy said that she would consider the use of "Prep for Treatment" – since her desire is to collect acreage data on the activity.

Round Robin

Ken Cushing

1. Ken is determined to take the question of "Other" Treatment Category to the Fuels Team and get their recommendation. Recall that the question is whether to include Seeding as an MX – or possibly get rid of the "Other" Category altogether and move it all to MX.
2. Ken reported that he is working on a method to calculate Footprint Acres from NFPORS data.

Ted Tower

1. Ted announced that Dennis Dupuis is the new BIA Fuels Team representative for BIA. Dennis replaces Lyle Carlisle.
2. Ted provided a follow-up report on his work to collect Treatment Unit perimeter data in BIA. His findings:
 - The Field Units do not follow directions. On data submission was a .pdf file.
 - People can't accurately estimate acreage from the field (perspective).
 - Ted recommends forcing NFPORS users to submit TU perimeter data.
3. Ted provided a URL that will be used by BIA to submit non-NFP accomplishment data using the web. Go to <http://www.bianifc.org> and click on the "Table of Contents" at the top of the page. Click on "Non-National Fire Plan (Non-NFP) Treatment Accomplishment Report"

Sue Stewart

Sue announced that FS will be moving all of its non-NFP data from the Fuels module to the non-NFP module in early July and will begin full use of that module at that time.

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