Minutes from the 7/21/04 NFPORS Users Group Meeting

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Russ' Report

Last month's activities

- OMB 300 resubmission NFPORS had received a failing score of 28 in May.
 There were weaknesses especially in the Security documentation. There were
 no real system weaknesses. Experts provided guidance for making sure that
 sections had complete and proper responses.
- Certification and Accreditation is expected by the end of July. FISMA score for DOI will improve.
- System Testing & Evaluation has been conducted over the last two weeks
- Version 1.10.5 released
 - Reports for approved data were added to the Hazardous Fuels Reduction module
 - o Users must now enter an Actual Initiation Date for any Fire Use Treatment
 - o The "Burn Plan" Activity Type was added to the Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Non-NFP modules
 - The DOI Community Assistance portals were enhanced to include more information about WUI and Out-Year Planning data
 - o Three new QA Rules were added

235	QA Rule	Add a QA rule that NEPA-HFRA EA and NEPA-HFRA EIS are the only acceptable NEPA types for use on HFRA projects.
236	QA Rule	Add a QA rule warning that there should be one and only one NEPA type per project.
237	QA Rule	Add a QA rule that only BLM and FS can identify a Project as HFRA.

- Updates have been made to organizational data.
- SCRs are available dated July 2, 2004.
- DOI's FY 2005 Target data is being developed from July 19 NFPORS data
- FS has moved the non-NFP data to the non-NFP module.

Open Items

Changing "Seeding" to MX (Pat Moore and Ken Cushing)

Pat forwarded the UG recommendation to move Seeding from Other to MX to the DOI Fuels Team. The team met in July and agreed with the recommendation. Grazing, Chemical and Biological will remain in the Other types.

Peter will verify FS's agreement with Tim Sexton but we anticipate approval based on previous discussions between Tim and Roy Johnson.

Configuration Control Management Team (CCMT) membership

The NFPORS Charter requires three representatives from the User Group be members of the CCMT. The UG identified the following conditions for representatives:

- Someone from FS should always be on the CCMT
- Terms should be 1- year and extendable
- Names of nominees/volunteers will be submitted to the Business Leaders for approval

Roshelle Pederson (BLM), Ted Tower (BIA), and Susan Lee (FS) volunteered as primary members. MikeVan Hemelryck (NPS) volunteers as an alternate.

Partner Collaboration (Bob Lineback)

Bob has identified a need to define "Partner" to better track and encourage use of collaborative processes.

- The definition should include what the threshold of collaboration / implementation is needed for "partner" status.
- May include changing the HFR DCT to reflect a level of participation that is needed in order to be on the list of "Partners."
- Determine if Partner identification needs to occur at the Project or Treatment level

Bob will meet with the UG ad hoc team to develop a proposal and provide a report at the next UG meeting.

Round Robin

Rich Schwab

 Requested clarification on the use of CC in BAER. It was suggested that we have a presentation by Jack Hamby, Merideth Webster, and Wally Josephson the next meeting.

Roshelle Pederson -

- Has some experience with user data systems and is bringing them to her new experience.
- Has some concern over BLM's use of local IDs and use of post-Treatment CC observations will work these at an agency level.

Susan Lee –

- The Fire Use type will continue in the HFR module, but Peter says that there will be a canned Fire Use report
- There is an agency-specific FS fund code issue to be resolved off line

Bob Lineback

- When will FY04 be closed out? Peter has heard different ideas, but 10/15 is likely. This is a BL decision.
- How will CAR data be updated in NFPORS? Peter thinks that since the State Foresters have the responsibility, it is up to them. Once they have a list, we will update the list. AZ, NM, OK, TX, UT, WY and CO may have lists. Peter and Russ to speak to BLs.

Mike VanHemelryck

• NPS requires approval for all projects by Superintendents. They would like to be able to limit access to the approval date or an "Approval button" for Treatments and Activities to specific individuals. This would allow them to easily track which projects are officially approved knowing that the date could not be changed by other users. Chris reported that there is a new canned report which could help in the short term but does not address the security issue. NFPORS Version 2.0 has some expanded capabilities related to level of control and now is a good time to identify these types of issues for possible inclusion. Mike will include Susan in the discussions of this issue.

Deliverables

- Russ/Peter will send a current list of SCR and their status out to the field
- Peter verify Seeding to MX issue with Tim
- Russ/Peter to discuss NFPORS close out date with BLs
- Peter/Russ to discuss updating CAR data with BLs
- Full Force and Effect SCR Sandy
- Consultation Planning & Archaeological Inventory Sandy
- Partner Definition SCR Bob

Next Meeting: August 18, 2004 3PM ET