

Minutes from the 5/26/04 NFPORS Users Group Meeting

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Russ' Report

last month's activities

Changes to the Management Dashboard

- DOI/CA Canned Reports
- HFR "Target" Implementation
- 10-Year Canned Reports
- MS Excel Extract
 - NEPA Type Association
 - HFRA Indicator
 - MTBCC items

Non-NFP Module

- DOI implementation policy plans are being developed that will describe who and how data will be entered
- FS will continue to mix non-NFP accomplishments in the HFR module for FY04. In FY05 they will begin to use the new module

Updates to the Org Tables – If you have any outstanding organization changes – provide them to Russ.

Changes to Use Map

- User interface color changes
- New NPS and FS Admin boundary layers
- New "TerraServer" data layers
 - Digital Orthophoto Quads
 - Digital Raster Graphics
- USGS National Elevation Database

Revisions to Data Dump Column Definitions

Revisions to NFPORS Glossary – Users should provide comments to the DRAFT "How To" training document on Ad Hoc Reports with focus on Pivot Tables – get it in the Document Library – VERY useful tool!

Re-categorizing Seeding (Type) as a Mechanical (Category) Treatment

Pat Moore supplied a proposal document (attached) that describes BLM's proposal to change the categorization of "Seeding" to be a Mechanical Treatment.

There was not much discussion on the topic, but Ken Cushing recommended that we abandon the "Other" Category altogether.

Any of these proposals should be forwarded to the Inter-Agency Fuels Team for their approval. Russ asked that Ken and Pat and any other volunteers present a proposal for the UG to review and then forward the recommendation (if any) to the Fuels Team. That Team meets on a monthly schedule.

"Partner" and Collaboration

After some discussion, we adopted a modified version of a definition for Project Partner. Sandy Gregory will finalize the wording, but the definition will be based on what was found in the 1610 LUP Handbook:

Partnerships (Project) - "People working together, sharing knowledge and resources to achieve desired outcomes for public lands and communities within statutory and regulatory frameworks".

However the new definition will make reference to the "Fuel Treatment Program Development and Collaboration Process" memo signed by Tim Hartzell and Bob Leaverton in March of 2002.

Ted Tower -

- BIA is proceeding with their implementation of a process that collects perimeter data for their FY05 Treatments. Ted agreed to meet with Peter and Russ to discuss their experience. An initial teleconference meeting was scheduled for 6/1/04 and it is likely that an in-person follow-up will be required in Boise.
- The BIA "Trust Net" is being established – but it will not benefit BIA NFPORS users. The Trust Net is an isolated intranet for BIA. BIA is not expected to have internet access for years.
- Part of the impact for BIA will be that all help desk activities must be channeled through the BIA's support center in Herndon, VA. Ted and Russ will work to find a reasonable solution that will not interrupt BIA employee's access to the NFPORS help desk support center.

Susan Lee-

Requested that we provide the latest NFPORS User Manuals in Word format to Elaine Waterbury (FS – R3). Elaine is working writing simplified instructions for state users.