

NH Prescribed Fire Council
June 10th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Attendees: Zack Boyajian, Chair (NH Military Affairs and Veterans Services), Michael Crawford, vice-chair (TNC), Jeff Lougee (TNC) Rebecca DiGirolomo (UNH Coop Extension), Steven Junkin (Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forest), Kathleen Errington (NHDES Air Resources), Henry Jones (NH Fish and Game), Heidi Holman (NH Fish and Game), Chris Kane (Natural Heritage), Madeleine Landrum (UMaine), Brad Simpkins (Forest Service), John Neely (White Mountain National Forest)

AGENDA:

Approved March 17, 2021 meeting minutes

TNC ArcGIS Dashboard for Ossipee Pine Barrens Fire Management, Jeff Lougee

- Internal facing interactive map of fire management at Ossipee Pine Barrens
- Dashboard displays fire effects data, treatment units, burn weather data, areas harvested, total acres burned since 2007 and fire regime
- Dashboard helps with understanding management overtime and tell the management story

Regional Rx working groups update – Zack Boyajian DMAVS

- Focusing on certified prescribed burn programs-examples used were Florida and Ohio
- States with certified Rx burn programs all have enabling legislation
- Michael Haley rep for State Department of Justice to provide Council advise on how liability works for state employees but not for individuals or non-state employees

Shared Type 6 engine – Mike Crawford TNC, Tom Trask FPB

- Agreement to be developed between TNC and Center Ossipee
- Center Ossipee Fire Department to request an engine from FEPP

Rx Council Mapping sub-committee - Rebecca DiGirolomo UNHCE

- UNH to house Dashboard map on UNH's ArcGIS Online account
- Subcommittee to build out what layers map will show

Fire Dependent communities mapping – NHNHB

- Created a map that includes the polygon versions of the raster data from the TNC database
- Fieldwork will start soon to ground truth data

Round Table: Agency Rx Burn Season Plans and Training Opportunities

- USFS working with state to conduct S-211, S-212 will be conducted in July, July 12-16 S-130/190/L-180, work capacity on July 17, State will be hosting L-280. FS was able to conduct a grassland burn, 20 acres on Foss Mt, conducted some experimental burns in slash. 200 acre WUI burn planned for growing season/ early fall
- TNC to burn Pine River State Forest, and 3 units in Ossipee Pine Barrens
- NHANG-Did 1 burn, 2 units prepped. 2 type 6's arrived and working on getting trained to use it.
- NH Fish and Game-Working on a burn plan to implement in Aug
- NHDES- We recently exceeded the national ambient air quality standard and high levels of PM 2.5 lately
- UNH- Intern recently completed town survey and had 100% response. Rebecca to work through data

