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Technical Oversight Team: SEFireMap

Purpose: The SEFireMap Technical Oversight Team (Team) will serve as an advisory body to the current project funder, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, as well as its cooperative agreement partner the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities and their sub-recipient, the Longleaf Alliance (these three collectively known as the Project Managers). In August 2019, applicants to the Team were solicited from partners and experts across the Southeastern U.S. Based on application forms and input from stakeholders, members were selected from among applicants responding to a Statement of Interest circulated by the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities. The selected members possess relevant technical skills and experience, as well as networking capacity in the fire science community throughout the U.S., to support the SEFireMap project and ensure its success.

Enduring Membership: Team members will serve for the duration of the project (anticipated to be not longer than 3 years), or until they resign or have been absent for three consecutive calls or meetings. The Project Managers will be responsible for deciding on the future addition of any new Team members. The Team will be led by Lucas Furman, a GIS Coordinator with the Longleaf Alliance, who will convene all calls and meetings and prepare written summaries of each discussion plus any conclusions/recommendations reached.

Conflict of Interest: Many discussions occurred regarding means by which we could avoid conflict of interest within the Team and we will rely heavily on Team nominees and members to help us adhere to strict standards for avoiding any conflict of interest that exists or may arise. As such, no Team member will be allowed to apply for or participate in funding proposals in response to current or future RFPs related to the SEFire Map project.

The SEFireMap Technical Oversight Team will:

1. Assist the Project Managers in reviewing proposals submitted in response to the Endowment's release of an RFP for a Scoping Phase assessment for the SEFireMap and provide written conclusions regarding strengths and weaknesses of each proposal;
2. Work collaboratively with the Scoping Phase sub-recipient to implement the SEFireMap Scoping Phase and ensure its success, including assisting with networking;
3. Attend at least one conference call or workshop hosted during the Scoping Phase by the selected sub-recipient;
4. Deliberate on the findings of the Scoping Phase report, and based on that pre-work, edit the draft for Implementation of the SEFireMap tools, including a Timeline with specific Deliverables;
5. Advise Project Managers before release of the Implementation RFP whether the existing/remaining budget appears sufficient for full implementation of the SEFireMap tools so that if funds are insufficient, partners can be consulted on collaborative funding;
6. Review proposals submitted in response to the SEFireMap Implementation RFP and provide written conclusions regarding strengths and weaknesses of each proposal to the Project Managers;
7. Identify and avoid any conflict of interest so that the primary goal of all is to achieve the best possible SEFireMap tools for use in the Southeast and as a model for other regions of the U.S.

TOT Membership (10)	Affiliation	Category
Tony Davis	DOD	Federal
Brain Camposano	Southern Group of State Foresters	State
Mike Dueitt	USDA Forest Service	Federal
Keith Gauldin	SE Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	State
Todd Hawbaker	USGS	Federal
Rua Mordecai	USFWS; SERPPAS, LCC	Federal
Josh Picotte	USGS	Federal/Contractor
Justin Shedd	NPS	Federal
Jim Smith	TNC	NGO
Jon Wallace	USFWS	Federal