

December 4, 2009 Conference Call Notes

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Future research ideas: The call focused mostly on this topic, and to be brief, the group felt that the list of topics were good (no additions or deletions), so the challenge is to begin to prioritize, determine who is most interested in which potential projects, and then begin to flesh out just how thorough we want to be with each one, which would then determine the extent that resources may be needed.

It was suggested that a "sign-up" process of some kind be used to get people to add their names, and maybe to provide other comments as well to the various topics. Steve K will create either a spreadsheet, or perhaps find a way to use a Wiki page or similar means of allowing us each to add stuff to a list of the topics. That will be sent out to everyone sometime next week. The goal is to develop a list of sub-groups for each of the topics and also to begin to prioritize which we can begin to work on sooner than later. During some of the conversation today, we actually began to get a good feel for who is likely going to be in some of the topics.

Once sub-groups and leaders are established, they can work on their own as they see fit via conf calls or emails, and we'll use the monthly NWFS calls to touch base and coordinate as needed, and of course the other items we tend to cover such as recent or upcoming events, and the status of local modeling or other pertinent efforts.

For some future calls, we may want to utilize GoToMeeting to share anything we're working on. Also, as we get further along in fleshing out the details of what we'll be working on first, it might be especially helpful to have a face-to-face meeting, which might be most feasible if it is tied in with some other meeting many of us might be attending, so be thinking about potential opportunities for such a gathering over the next 6 months or so.

Other news: Doug Miller and UNC-A students, along with Baker, are planning to have an IOP tonight through Saturday for upcoming light snow (not NWFS) event.

No updates on High Res Mesoscale Ensemble stats since the major server hiccup and Brian out of commission himself for awhile.

RLX local WRFs have been undergoing some updates and should be operational again and contributing to the ensemble as well. Web interface has changed.

Next call: Not mentioned specifically on the call, but by far the best Friday in January for our facilitator is January 8th, 10am EST.