



## NWCG Meeting Notes

April 15, 2020

**Executive Board (EB):** Garth Fisher (BIA), Dan Smith (NASF), Frank Guzman (USFS), Shane McDonald (FWS), Will May (IAFC), Jeff Arnberger (BLM), Kim Van Hemelryck (DOI OWF Liaison), Aitor Bidaburu (USFA), Jim Durglo (ITC). Not present: Mark Koontz (NPS), Tim Sexton (FS RD&A)

**NWCG Staff:** Sean Cross (NWCG Manager), Tim Blake (Coordinator), Deb Fleming (Coordinator), Jeff Hughes (Training Program Manager), Nancie Turner (Webmaster), Jesse Bender (Publications Manager)

**Guests:** Elden Alexander and L.J. Brown (COVID-19 coordinators)

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<p>Transition of NWCG Executive Secretary duties (short &amp; long term)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Krysta Shultz has taken a job at OAS. We haven't filled behind her but are hoping to in the next few weeks. There is approx. a year and a half left on that FS contract. Distributing duties amongst staff in the interim.</li> </ul>	N/A
<p>Current Event Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connections Call – Good attendance. Lots of committee work regarding COVID-19. Committees are continuing to meet virtually and finding ways to stay productive.</li> <li>Review Coordination of Response Efforts Memo from FMB to NWCG – Goal is to coordinate efforts regarding wildland fire response across agencies, groups and committees.</li> <li>FMB – Meeting weekly. Many moving parts and issues to address. Coordinators (Elden Alexander and L.J. Brown) are providing FMB with good situation awareness. Fire Executive Council is also meeting weekly and looking to FMB in an advisory role. Stood up a Medical Health Advisory Team to develop guidance. Elden &amp; L.J. have developed an internal document with all the lines of effort currently underway.</li> <li>NMAC – Several Area Command Teams have been mobilized virtually. Discussions surrounding fighting fire while protecting firefighters. A national template has been developed with best management practices and protocols for use this season. Several geographic areas have completed their plans, remainder should be finished next week. Meeting several times each week. Concerns regarding availability of firefighters, travel restrictions, self-imposed restrictions, etc. Communicating with partners. IMT survey went out last week to determine how many teams are available (Type 1, 2 &amp; 3). Many cache issues being discussed.</li> <li>NIAC – Established a task team for standards/best practices regarding aviation. Delivered to FMB last week. Will be released through NWCG processes.</li> </ul>	Memo will be finalized once Frank gives Sean the ok.



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<p>NWCG Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FY20 Mid-Year Budget Update – there are several projects that may not be able to use funding this year due to our unusual circumstances. Will re-evaluate and make recommendations once the FY21 budget is approved.</li><li>• FY21 Budget Update – all DOI agencies are good with the proposed budget increase. Waiting for confirmation from FS before proceeding with committee chair and Budget Advisory Unit discussions. Hope to have a final recommendation for Exec Board approval within the next week or two.</li></ul>	N/A
<p>Follow-Up to the Interagency Fire Planning Committee (IFPC) Discussion from February &amp; March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interest increasing with state folks, much more collaboration going on. Is there additional guidance needed to redirect the committee? Need to relook at mission/objectives and evaluate future direction.</li></ul>	IFPC will remain in place as a committee under NWCG; we will work on ensuring the membership, mission and objectives are solid. Proceed with standing up Resource Advisor Subcommittee.
<p>Incident Workforce Development Group (IWDG) Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Website moved from FireNet to NWCG website.</li><li>• Follow up discussion on IWDG request for assistance with field-level communications on ICAC and CGAC memos in pursuit of complex incident management organizations. Agreed to limit formal communications to field at this time. Continue collaboration on current efforts, including actions and inquires related to COVID response.</li></ul>	N/A