



NWCG EB/FMB/NMAC Joint Session Meeting Notes

October 20, 2021

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Guests: Derrek Hartman (IPSOG), Dianne Cash (FS Budget Lead), Aaron Thompson and Mike Haydon (IWDG)

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<p>Incident Workforce Development Group (IWDG) Quarterly Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standards for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) was discussed during the morning’s NWCG Executive Board meeting and will be finalized by Incident and Position Standards Committee (IPSC) in November. It will be released in January with the updated <i>NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Qualifications</i>, PMS 310-1. The development of this standard was tasked by the NWCG Executive Board based on IWDG’s recommendation in 2019. In late September, IWDG submitted a revised Action Plan and draft tasking memo to be issued from Fire Executive Council (FEC) as requested from July joint meeting. The tasking memo is on the agenda to brief FEC on Friday. IWDG is requesting their approval and issuance of the tasking memo to NWCG, NMAC, and FMB who can then distribute subsequent taskings to subgroups. An IPSC draft tasking is complete and could be ready for review and dissemination once the FEC memo is issued. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FEC Memo addresses highest level actions, and Action Plan includes more detail. Taskings would then further define requests and timelines. Requested representation on IWDG be reviewed and evaluated to ensure the right composition for the actions and decisions that are expected of the group. Encouraged all to talk to their representatives on IWDG and continue to provide leadership and support for change. A detailed position to lead IWDG needs to be long-term to provide continuity and full-time dedication to the efforts. 	<p>APPROVED to pursue 1–5-year NTE detail.</p> <p>January Joint Session next update unless additional conversation is needed sooner.</p>

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<p>Incident Management Remote Response – Oversight and Coordination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed briefing paper, Communication, Direction, and Future Oversight for the Incident Management Remote Response (IMRR) Group. • Parallel actions by NWCG and IMRR are creating confusion in the field. • IMRR needs to be properly incorporated into the wildland fire governance structure if they continue to play an authoritative role. • Committees are experiencing fatigue. Utilizing IMRR members could reinvigorate committees. • Goal to channel progress through NWCG to reduce redundancy. Distribute consistent information and guidance to the field. • IMRR should include interagency and partner involvement. • IMRR produces IMT-centric products which best fit under NMAC to formalize, charter, and distribute ideas. • NWCG wants to be engaged with IMRR and would provide a liaison to NMAC. 	<p>NMAC to discuss at October 21st meeting and then will report back to NWCG and FMB.</p>
<p>Predictive Services Oversight Group (IPSOG) Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2017 FMB Predictive Service Report- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Define costumers and needs. Governance and oversight has diminished. Serious funding, staffing and research issues. Agency sponsorship not fulfilling original intent. • Charted by FMB in 2019. • Provides management and oversight to Predicative Services Program. Development and implementation of nationally standardized products and services. • Challenges- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No authority or funding to implement recommendations. ○ Depends on many programs/data that are not operationally supported. No product standards. ○ Leads to outages or missing products. • Fire is a priority for Congress which creates opportunity for additional funding. • Provides decision support for fire management and coordination systems. • Paths forward- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Option 1: Reinvigorate PSOG and commit with national level funding. ○ Option 2: Accept that Predictive Services (PS) may experience disruption and lowered confidence. 	<p>Regular updates from PSOG to FMB.</p>