

NWCG EB/FMB/NMAC Joint Session Meeting Notes

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<p>NWCG/FMB/NMAC Relationship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussing joint topics reduces duplicate efforts. Increases coordination with partners.• Value to everyone being on the same page while respecting charters.• Needs coordination on assigning tasks. Define roles and priorities.• Fire Executive Council (FEC) ultimately tasks NWCG/FMB/NMAC.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ FEC expected to be more involved under new administration.	<p>Need more discussion.</p>
<p>Incident Workforce Development Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IWDG briefing paper recommends adoption and implementation of Complex Incident Management Teams, to replace current system with Type 2 and Type 1 IMTs. Requesting NWCG/FMB/NMAC to validate the recommendation and support implementation.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Opportunity to capitalize on changes forced by working with COVID-19 mitigations.○ Overall support from members. Need for communication upwards with executive leadership and laterally to all levels of the agencies.• Affirm support through written responses to IWDG from NWCG, FMB, NMAC, FEC, and NASF.• Next steps would require solid action plan with specific taskings and deadlines.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Taskings to CGAC, ICAC, and others as appropriate to define the components (rotation management, roster composition, qualifications, and training, etc.) of the systematic change.• IWDG has drafted an Agency Administrator (AA) briefing paper but has held off on distribution until support for the actions and recommendations is confirmed.	<p>Jesse Bender will distribute AA briefing paper.</p> <p>Discuss topic next week at FEC meeting.</p> <p>Add IWDG topic to February meetings for NWCG, FMB, and NMAC. Consider another joint meeting in ~6 weeks.</p>

Additional information beyond these meeting notes (i.e. handouts, presentations, maps, etc.) will require a FOIA request to ensure proper privacy regulations are followed. Please request via email: blm_fa_foia@blm.gov

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<p>FireNet- NMAC Draft Memo/Standardized Processes/Business Rules/Use for Training and Other Non-Priority Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request NMAC review and distribute draft memo to again endorse FireNet as the collaborative environment for wildland fire incident operations. • Need standardized business practices/processes in place (forms, etc.). Recommend tasking to NWCG committees for engagement, consistency, and collective forward progress. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Business Leadership Group currently making decisions. • FireNet does not currently support training delivery. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ But NWCG could help set up consistent, standardized training for IMTs. ○ Limited licenses prioritized for IMTs and dispatch centers. 	<p>FireNet memo review will be added to NMAC agenda next week.</p> <p>NWCG to issue tasking to committees for engagement and standardization of business in the technical environment.</p>
<p>Incident Management Remote Response (IMRR) Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under NIMO, pathway for good ideas to get implemented. • IMRR All Hands Meeting January 21. • Need to pay attention to recommendations and impacts to NWCG. 	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Awarding Temporary Fire and Fire Aviation Training Course Completion Competencies – BLM Memo:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides guidance to BLM state and district offices for awarding temporary competencies for required training courses that are unavailable due to pandemic-related cancellation, course unavailability, personal injury/illness, or other approved reasons. • Competencies may be granted only under following condition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The responder has completed all other position requirements. ○ The training course is not available due to course cancellation, the responder is not accepted into an existing course, personal injury/illness prevents the responder from attending. ○ Course must be successfully completed by June 1, 2022. • District fire management officers will initiate the BLM Training Course Competency Award Documentation form and forward to their state fire management officer (SFMO) for concurrence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completed documentation forms will be forwarded to the FA-300 staff who will manually award training. • Competencies awarded will be tracked. • Intended as exception to the rule. • FS Fire Directors are supportive will be making this a high priority. 	<p>N/A</p>