



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

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MEMORANDUM

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To: Tom Harbour, Director, Fire and Aviation Management
U.S. Forest Service

Kirk Rowdabaugh, Director, Office of Wildland Fire Coordination
Department of Interior

From: NWCG Chair *William Raage*

Date: July 8, 2010

Subject: Partners in Fire Education (PIFE) - Transition into NWCG

During the past year, the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Planning, Policy, and Management Branch Coordinator has been working with Ann Walker, representing Partners in Fire Education (PIFE), to incorporate PIFE goals into the NWCG Organization. Two NWCG committees – the Communication, Education and Prevention Committee (CEPC) and the Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee (WUIMC) – have been identified possessing parallel goals and representative interests aligned with PIFE. The same member organizations that are part of PIFE, with the exception of Western Governors' Association and Intertribal Timber Council, are members of the NWCG CEPC and WUIMC. Both organizations can be integrated into the appropriate committee as associate members. The foundation has been laid for PIFE to transition their products, roles, and processes to these committees to maintain and manage in the future under the NWCG Strategic Plan and the two committees' respective programs of work.

The chairs of both committees have expressed their interest to utilize Sarah McCaffrey's social science research synthesis, (funded by Joint Fire Sciences Project) and incorporate the results, as appropriate, in their work plan and product development.

With this letter, we request that pertinent files or products be provided to NWCG Planning, Policy, and Management Branch Coordinator, Elaine Waterbury. She will work with the respective NWCG committee chairs to incorporate the PIFE products into their programs. With the receipt of the files, we can consider the transition of PIFE into NWCG complete.

We are pleased with the collaboration to focus these bodies shared goals into fewer groups. We believe this will better serve our communities and build on the good work that has been done by these three different groups.

cc: Ann Walker, Western Governors' Association
Nancy Guerrero, DOI Representative to PIFE
Larry Lesko, U.S. Forest Service Representative to PIFE
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