

September 28, 2004

TO: Allen Deitz, NWCG Executive Secretary
FROM: Wayne Mitchell, Fire Weather Working Team Chair
SUBJECT: Fire Weather Working Team FY 2004 Annual Report

1. *Budget level applied to funded projects.*
The Fire Weather Working Team has no funded projects.
2. *Percent of the project to be completed by September 30, 2004. If not completed, is the funding for the completion of the project carried over in the 2005 request for funding.*
The Fire Weather Working Team has no funded projects.
3. *Specific significant occurrences during 2004 that should be addressed in the report. These should be brief.*
The FWWT met once during 2004. This meeting was held during a joint conference with the American Meteorological Society and Fire & Forest Fire Ecology symposium. Various papers were presented discussing emerging fire weather prediction technology and potential application to wildland fire management. The FWWT participated in a Spot Weather Forecast panel discussion with private sector contractors, fire managers, and the National Weather Service. The debate focused on the role of the NWS in providing forecast services to the States. A few months later, the NWS issued policy clarification affirming their role in providing service to State wildland fire agencies.

On a request from NWCG, The FWWT and the Fire Danger Working Team continued work on merger options and opportunities. A proposal for a Fire Environment Working Team was drafted and reviewed. A presentation was prepared for the fall 2004 NWCG meeting in Annapolis, Maryland.

The FWWT continues to work with the Data Advisory Working Group (DAWG) on a dictionary of terms. This work is on going.

As in the past, the FWWT serves as a discussion forum for the agencies involved with the Fire Weather Program. Specific action items, policy and procedure updates, and product development continues with various agency program staff.