

NWCG Master Committee Charter

Purpose

This charter establishes the committees and subgroups of the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG).

Authorities

Each committee and subgroup is established pursuant to the National Wildfire Coordinating Group Charter, November 19, 2013.

<https://www.nwcg.gov/sites/default/files/executive-board/eb-nwcg-charter.pdf>

NWCG Mission

The National Wildfire Coordinating Group provides national leadership to enable interoperable wildland fire operations among federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial partners. Primary objectives include:

- Establish national interagency wildland fire operations standards. Recognize that the decision to adopt standards is made independently by the NWCG members and communicated through their respective directives systems.
- Establish wildland fire position standards, qualifications requirements, and performance support capabilities (e.g. training courses, job aids) that enable implementation of NWCG standards.
- Support the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy goals: to restore and maintain resilient landscapes; create fire adapted communities; and respond to wildfires safely and effectively.
- Establish information technology (IT) capability requirements for wildland fire.
- Ensure that all NWCG activities contribute to safe, effective, and coordinated national interagency wildland fire operations.

Committee Operations

NWCG committees provide leadership in the major functional areas of wildland fire management. They are established and organized to accomplish the NWCG mission and committee-specific mission/objectives. Committee and subgroup mission/objectives are stated on each group's NWCG homepage and are considered part of this charter.

Committee and subgroup members are leaders, subject matter experts, and contributors from NWCG member agencies and other stakeholders. Committee/subgroup membership should broadly represent the NWCG agencies and the geographic areas.

Each committee or subgroup will:

- Accomplish the NWCG mission and committee-specific mission/objectives.
- Establish and direct functional area or task specific subgroups as necessary to accomplish the committee's mission/objectives.
- Establish and implement effective and cost efficient business practices.
- Document and archive proceedings, decisions, and actions.
- Collaborate with pertinent individuals, organizations, and entities.

- Maintain updated mission/objectives statements that accurately reflect actual committee and subgroup business.
- Coordinate committee actions with the assigned NWCG coordinator and elevate to the Executive Board for input/approval as necessary. These may include:
 - Significant standards or process changes
 - Mission/objectives statements
 - Membership changes
 - Subgroup organizational structure
 - External communications

Detailed guidance on committee operations is available at <https://www.nwcg.gov>.

Charter Maintenance

The charter is approved and reviewed annually by the NWCG Executive Board, updated as necessary, and effective until terminated.



March 28, 2019

Chair, NWCG Executive Board

Date