



Fire Management Board

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TO: Federal Group Chairs and Program Managers

FROM: William Kaage, Chair, Fire Management Board

SUBJECT: Fire Management Board as it relates to Inherently Federal Business

Reply Due: COB Friday, September 26, 2014

The federal Fire Management Board (FMB) was established in November 2013 to provide a mechanism for coordinated and integrated federal wildland fire program management and implementation. Recent FMB activities have included establishing business practices with the intergovernmental National Wildfire Coordinating Group. These activities have indicated the need to ensure effective management of a number of inherently federal wildland fire related committees, projects, and programs. Our desire is to confirm that your group is properly chartered and supported, ensure that its efforts are well coordinated, and provide new direction or clarify existing direction as necessary. Preliminary entities that we have identified for this effort are:

- Federal Fire and Aviation Task Group, chartered by DOI BLM, NPS, USFWS and USDA Forest Service to produce the *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations*.
- Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM), chartered by the NWCG Operations and Workforce Development Committee.
- Department of the Interior Medical Standards Program (DOI MSP), direction provided by DOI MSP Oversight Group.
- Forest Service Medical Standards Program, directed by USFS Fire and Aviation Risk Management.
- National Predictive Services Program
 - Positions are directed by host Coordination Centers and funded by multiple agencies.
- Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center program
 - A national, interagency, federally-funded organization with interagency staffing.
 - Originally chartered by NWCG.
- National Advanced Fire and Resource Institute (NAFRI); USFS hosted and directed; multi-agency positions and funding; interagency training development and delivery, including the Prescribed Fire Training Center and Wildland Fire Apprenticeship Program.
- Joint Fire Science Program (JFSP), created by legislation through Departments of Agriculture and Interior.

We are requesting your assistance to help us learn more about your group and to ensure the charters, organization charts, products and other information we have are accurate.

Please provide the following information about your group to Krysta Shultz, FMB Executive Secretary, blm_fa_fmb_executive_secretary@blm.gov by **COB Friday, September 26, 2014**.

- Charter or other authorizing document
- Operations plan or strategic plan
- Organization chart
- Pertinent agreements
- Primary products or list of products
- Any other information that may help us understand your group

We appreciate your patience and support as we all begin to work within the new wildland fire governance structures. Expect additional discussion and direction regarding this topic as we continue to clarify FMB business processes. Please contact Bill Kaage, FMB Chair, 208-387-5225, if you have questions or suggestions.

Thank you.

cc: Fire Management Board, NWCG Executive Board, NWCG Program Management Unit (PMU)