



## Fire Management Board

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TO: John Glenn, Chair, NWCG Executive Board  
FROM: Larry Sutton, Chair, Fire Management Board  
SUBJECT: Capability Requirements for Fire Weather Data

The Fire Management Board requests the assistance of the NWCG Fire Environment Committee to define interagency wildland fire capability requirements for fire weather data.

While this work has long been anticipated during the formation of the Wildland Fire Information and Technology (WFIT) framework, the recent shut-down of the Real-time Observations, Monitoring and Analysis Network (ROMAN) accentuates the need for action.

Assessment is needed of information and technology-related capabilities associated with fire weather data, including but not limited to the capabilities made possible by ROMAN. Please provide prioritized recommendations for those capabilities necessary to meet the needs of wildland fire. These recommendations will be the basis for a long term strategy of WFIT investments to advance the efficiency and effectiveness of fire weather data-related products and applications.

WFIT Lines of Business staff is available to help the FENC assess capabilities requirements. Please contact Mark Resman, [mark\\_resman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:mark_resman@ios.doi.gov).

A final report is requested by May 2017, with at least one progress report in the interim.

Contact Paul Schlobohm, NWCG-FMB Liaison [pschlobo@blm.gov](mailto:pschlobo@blm.gov), for coordination and questions.

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