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Topic & Notes	Decision
<p>Update on Predictive Services Oversight Group (PSOG) activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group had their first conference call post-furlough last week. There is still a lot of consternation surrounding the Predictive Services Phase II Final Report. More communication is needed for clarity and stakeholder involvement. The group will be hosting a face-to-face meeting the week of March 11th. 	<p>Dan O'Brien will work with Beth Lund to draft talking points to communicate FMB's perspective relative to the Phase II Final Report. A draft will be circulated to FMB members for their review.</p>
<p>Update on Tasking No. 18-002, Federal Wildland Fire Policy Guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members briefed on the discrepancy in use of terms across reporting tools and filters used by NMAC, GMACs, and for the Situation Report. Proposed solutions should consider current federal fire policy and terminology ensuring a consistent message is communicated. Will keep the framework/flowchart at a high level without detail added. Adjust the signature page on the <i>Guidance for Implementation of the Federal Wildland Fire Policy</i> to reflect current positions and will route for signature. Next steps: Release new guidance to replace the NWCG Memos 2010-024 and 2010-030 	<p>Topic added to March agenda.</p>
<p>Update on Incident Workforce Development Group (IWDG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IWDG Memo 2018-01 (https://sites.google.com/a/firenet.gov/fmb/home/fmb-groups/incident-workforce-development-group/information-iwdg/iwdg-memorandum) consisted of a draft letter intended for agency issuance to support employee wildland fire training and support. In January 2019, Department of Interior Secretary Zinke signed the letter. IWDG members will meet face-to-face in April. 	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Update on Wildland Fire Information Technology (WFIT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently Incident Technology Support Specialist (ITSS) positions are supported on regional contracts. Have been trying to develop national standards with a national contract. Road bumps along the way have precluded this from happening. What is the best mechanism to gain momentum on this effort? Next steps: The group will explore the best option for a solution for fire season 2020 by looking into the contracting processes within the Department of Interior at the Bureau level and national level, and also within the Forest Service. 	<p>Topic added to March agenda.</p>
<p>Program of Work for 2019</p>	<p>Topic postponed to March.</p>



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<p>Aviation Strategy: NWCG Meeting Update and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In December, NWCG was briefed about GAO’s decision to decline the closure request for the Interagency Plan for a Wildland Aviation Strategy. Specifically, Request #3 to update the Strategy is still open. Completion depends on AFUE for data collection and analysis. NIAC is making progress on this effort.• Susie Bates will touch base with those involved in the AFUE study to ensure the group is progressing forward and is on the right track according to GAO’s requests.	<p>Topic added to March agenda</p>