

FMB Members: Dan Buckley (NPS), Kristy Swartz for Erin Horsburgh (OWF), Grant Beebe (BLM), Beth Lund (USFS), Joel Kerley for Leon Ben (BIA), Susie Bates (OAS), Chris Wilcox (FWS).

Staff: Paul Schlobohm (NWCG FMB Liaison), Rhiannon Touchette (Acting - Executive Secretary).

Guests: Tim Blake (NWCG Coordinator), Dan O'Brien (Chair, PSOG), Chuck Maxwell (PSOG)

Topic & Notes	Decision
<p>PSOG Update -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan requested charter revisions to more accurately reflect PSOG organization and relationships with its partners. • Chuck presented the Near Term Solution for the 7-Day National Fire Potential Outlook Product, including the business need, project goal, project timeline, key features and deliverables. Funding is available to work with RMRS to define requirements. PSOG is coordinating these plans with the NWCG Fire Environment Committee and its related Fire Environment Mapping System. Coordination with the Wildland Fire Information and Technology program is getting started. Paul offered to support coordination with the WFIT Program Board. • Dan presented observations on the Program and its processes, including 2019 Achievements. He outlined plans for 2020, including cohesive team-building amongst meteorologist, intelligence specialist, and fire analyst; program objectives; functional work tasks; staffing and organization; and a stakeholder review. • Dan emphasized the differences between information, knowledge, and intelligence (knowledge to fulfill an action). The program goal is to shift from information and knowledge to intelligence. 	<p>With 2 additional amendments, FMB approved revisions to the PSOG Charter. Dan to make the adjustments and submit final for signature and posting.</p>
<p>Aviation Strategy Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susie is working to clarify information she has from GAO about the status of FMB's 2018 recommendation for closure of their GAO-13-684 request. She asked to work with a Forest Service counterpart to connect with GAO and define expectations. Beth will identify a FS contact to work with Susie. • Joel reported the NWCG Executive Board is also interested in this information. Additionally, he discussed with NWCG steps needed to close out an internal tasking to NIAC related to but separate from the GAO-13-684 request. 	<p>Susie will work with FS to clarify GAO expectations.</p>
<p>Environment Appropriations Bill: Examination of Hands-Free Hydration Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No progress to report from last month 	<p>Grant Beebe will draft a letter of response to address this request and share with board members.</p>
<p>FMB Charter Revision</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Board discussed the possibility of including non-federal partners early rather than late in some FMB deliberations. The need remains for FMB to continue at times to conduct federal-only business.	

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