FMB Meeting Notes

January 15, 2020

FMB Members: Dan Buckley (NPS), Erin Horsburgh (OWF), Grant Beebe (BLM), Beth Lund (USFS), Leon Ben (BIA), Susie Bates (OAS), Chris Wilcox (FWS), AJ Bethas (USFS), Not present: Aitor Bidaburu (USFA).

Staff: Tim Blake (NWCG Coordinator), Krysta Shultz (Executive Secretary).

Guests: Brad Koeckeritz (OAS).

Topic & Notes

Department of Interior Unmanned Aircraft Systems (DOI UAS) Moratorium Update
- The entire fleet of DOI UAS (810 aircraft modules) are grounded due to Department of Defense (DOD) concerns over Chinese-made parts and procurement of additional UAS is prohibited.
- Training events are being cancelled impacting certification of new pilots and current pilots cannot conduct proficiency flights ultimately creating a loss of capacity. The USDA, State, and local partners are unable to work on DOI fires without a waiver from the DOD.
- The DOI Executive Aviation Subcommittee (EAS), on behalf of the DOI agencies, are requesting a waiver to the non-emergency UAS mission cessation order issued on October 30, 2019.

Decision

Brad Koeckeritz (DOI UAS) will report to the Fire Management Board as necessary with updates.

Program of Work for 2020
- Members reviewed and verified items in their program of work for 2020.
- Project updates include:
  - Wildland Fire Information Technology – Identifying Rhonda Toronto as business lead.
  - Predictive Services Program Review – PSOG is still on track to bring a deliverable to the FMB by October
  - IMT Succession – IWDG is planning an IWDG/ICAC Workshop February 4-5 in Portland, Oregon. Purpose is to be a collaborative workshop to brainstorm and develop specific mgmt roles and responsibilities that will support and facilitate successional planning and a changing incident mgmt workforce environment.
  - Aviation Strategy – Susie will coordinate a meeting with Russ Johnson, Beth Lund, and Erin Horsburgh to inquire on any next steps needed in a request back to GAO.
  - 2019 S.47 Dingell Act Implementation
    - Resource Tracking will have a draft implementation plan ready for review in February. Will need help from operations personnel as well as IT.
    - Decision Support has made slow progress. Looking to get the Fire Executive Council (FEC) involved. Goal is to pull information from the same modeling service into WFDSS and IFTDSS.
    - Continual monitoring of high-level assets such as IROC.

Decision

Approved topics for the 2020 Program of Work.

2019 S.47 Dingell Act Implementation added to the February agenda.

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