**FMB Meeting Notes**

**March 17, 2021**

**FMB Members:** Ken Schmid (NPS), Meagan Conry (BLM), Beth Lund (USFS), Chris Wilcox (FWS), Aitor Bidaburu (USFA), Rhonda Toronto (USFS), Julian Affuso (USFS), Walker Craig (For Susan Bates, OAS), Bodie Shaw (BIA), Erin Horsburgh (FMB- Chair).

**Staff:** Tim Blake (Facilitator), Darci Drinkwater (Executive Secretary).

**Guests:** Dan Smith (NASF), LJ Brown (COVID Task Force), Gil Dustin (COVID Task Force), Elden Alexander (COVID Task Force), Kaili McCray (MPHAT), Robin Brooks (BLM), Shane McDonald (FWS) Jackie Martin (BIA), Walker Craig (DOI), Frank Guzman (NWCG) Patty Grantham (USFS), Josh Simmons (NMAC).

### COVID Coordinators Briefing:
- FEMA/ESF-4 placed significant number of orders over the weekend, currently waiting to see how many will be filled.
- FEMA/ESF-4 vaccinators (EMTs) in California are nearing the end of 30-day deployment.
- With fire season starting there are concerns that supporting vaccine efforts will have an impact on ability to support fires.
- IMRR preparing briefing for NMAC to convey the findings from their survey and recommendations for action.
- FLA for August Complex area command team exposures nearing completion.
- USDA Forest Service issues Training Competency Guidance Waiver, several aviation courses will not be waived (Air Tactical Supervisor (AITS), Air Operations Branch Director (AOBD), Air Tactical Group Supervisor (ATGS), Helicopter Coordinator (HLCO), Single Engine Airtanker Manager (SEMG), Helicopter Manager-Single Resource (HMGB), Lead Plane Pilot (LPL), Unmanned Aircraft System Pilot (UASP), Unmanned Aircraft System Manager (UASM), Unmanned Aircraft System Manager (UASL), Unmanned Aircraft System Manager (UASM)).
- Once the COVID Coordinator Delegation is signed Gil Dustin will officially take over for LJ Brown.

**Decisions:** Delegation APPROVED.

### Wildland Fire Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT) Update:
- Waiting on OSHA guidance before releasing new Prevention/Mitigation and Testing guidance.
- COVID Surveillance Task Group.
  - Focus on capturing information consistently across teams and incidents.
  - Support effective prevention, mitigation, and control. Improved reporting.
  - Early identification and analysis of emerging risks.
  - Proposing: three-tiered system. Mandatory, recommended, and optional.
  - Mandatory- Baseline understanding prevalence and health/capacity implications.
  - Recommended- Improved understanding of risk factors.

**Decision:** FMB will socialize COVID Surveillance reporting framework with NMAC.

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#### Topic & Notes

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<td><strong>Optional</strong>- If available and feasible, this data supports a more comprehensive assessment and may identify emerging issues.</td>
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<td><strong>Reporting framework</strong>- Incident to MAC to NMAC.</td>
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<td><strong>Next steps.</strong></td>
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<td>Work with NWCG Data Management.</td>
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<td>Develop tool with Microsoft Power Apps.</td>
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<td>FMB will socialize idea with NMAC.</td>
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<td><strong>Vaccine status.</strong></td>
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<td>Employees can voluntarily give vaccination status. Cannot ask for vaccination status.</td>
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#### Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM)- Final Proposal:

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<td><strong>Reviewed the original intent behind current standards, developed list of concerns. Then worked on developing recommendations to resolve.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Recommendations in final report need to be reviewed further to determine if changes are supported by all agencies.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Broader selective factors then based on factors what are minimum qualifications for positions.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Next steps recommend FMB task IFPM group to review complexity framework, update competencies, modernize the website and consider minimum qualifications.</strong></td>
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<td>Provide at least quarterly updates on status of recommendations.</td>
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<td>Once FMB concurs with the changes to IFPM, a new IFPM Standard and related documents would be written.</td>
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<td>Task team found significant differences among agencies related to updating and changing IFPM Standards and supporting documents.</td>
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#### Memo No. 2011-007, Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) Currency Requirements. Reissue?:

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<td><strong>Memo is still valid.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Update and FMB review for reissue.</strong></td>
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#### Data Management Update:

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<td><strong>Both data and information will be higher quality if they are managed together with users and customer requirements in mind.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Ensure that technology serves rather than drives.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Ten goals for data management.</strong></td>
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<td>Data warehouse- easy access historical data for modeling and analysis. Modernize the FAMWEB DW, store UAS imagery, and geospatial data.</td>
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<td>Operational data store- access to authoritative, best quality near- real time data. “Common operating picture.” Refesh EGP.</td>
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- Reference data store - reusable data to reduce individual data management and improve consistency. Only 60% of current data is referenced. EDG tool.
- Document management system - a place to store digital documents. Designate FireNet and coordination with NWCG.
- Transactional data base layer - model of multiple user interfaces using the same database.
- Business intelligence - tool to access the data. Queries, reports, dashboards, and maps. Partner with DOI and USDA on Tableau licenses. Utilize findings from current BI Tool analysis.
- Data broker - share/reuse data to reduce redundant data entry and increase consistency. Data as a service (DaaS) Model. Agile, high quality, and cost effective.
- Interagency authoritative data sources - identify the best source throughout data lifecycle.
- QA/QC - reliable, consistent data.
- Migrate historical data - maximize access and reduce redundant storage.

#### Decision

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<th>IT Modernization</th>
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| Increase IT productivity by 20-30%.
| Increase motivation of employees 30-40%.
| Reduce defects by 60%.
| Reduce time to market by 40-60%.

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<th>Legislative requirement to make data public.</th>
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<td>Modernized technology alone will not deliver the “data cache” capabilities Data Management with an enterprise perspective is key.</td>
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<td>Charter and resource the Data Management Program.</td>
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<td>Authority to stand up Data Governance Board and make decisions about enterprise data.</td>
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<td>Define relationship between the DMP, Data Cache Project, and federated applications.</td>
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<td>Knowledge Manager (EDG), Operational Data Manager (business needs), and Technical Data Manager.</td>
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<td>Coordinate and collaborate from the department to field level and across interagency to identify, define and document data and sources.</td>
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- Data Management Program and phased IT Modernization are key to affecting the downward trend while improving the information capabilities for the interagency community.
- Cost will be offset by savings that occur.
- Three long term positions will be needed.

**Review FMB Charter/Chair Rotation/Meeting Mechanics:**

- Review of Charter and chair rotation.
  - Only change NMAC chair will be BLM in 2022 and 2023.

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