

FMB Members in Attendance: Chad Fisher (NPS), Meagan Conry (BLM), Paul Linse (USFS), Chris Wilcox (FWS), Brad Koeckeritz (OAS), Aaron Baldwin (BIA), Dave Haston (USFS), Erin Horsburgh-Chair (OWF)

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

Guests: Jessica Gardetto (Public Affairs), Shane McDonald (NWCG EB), Katie Wood (NWCG), Jackie Martin (BIA).

Topic & Notes	Decision
<p>Wildland Fire Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT)/COVID Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing Guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Once weekly for non-vaccinated in medium and high transmission communities. ○ Still waiting on direction for AD’s. • MPHAT draft tasking to expand and encompass overall firefighter wellbeing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plan to keep the core group small and utilize subject matter experts (SMEs). 	<p>Request draft of MHPAT tasking.</p> <p>Review MPHAT charter.</p>
<p>National Wildland Firefighter Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed news release. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remove second mention of National Interagency Fire Center in second paragraph. • Possible release by Secretary. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If not released by Secretary FMB will release. 	<p>Jessica Gardetto will follow up with Secretarial staff.</p> <p>APPROVAL of news release.</p>
<p>Systems Improvement- Identify Next Steps and Timeframes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intent to seek funding and staffing through BIL funding to support NWCG Systems Improvement effort. • Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop an integrated performance-based training system. ○ Easier to update and maintain. ○ Ensure position-specific training that is necessary and relevant, reducing redundancies. ○ Basing position training and qualifications off position-specific standards will enable better consistency among evaluators and trainees. ○ Modernize training materials and operational tools. • Position Standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acts as the “how to guide”. ○ Current reference for trainees and qualified responders. ○ Establishes a baseline for expectations for trainees and evaluators. ○ Updates can be made as needed and will flow throughout the system. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Interfacing with EDG will allow for streamlined updates. 	<p>Support of Systems Improvement proposal.</p> <p>FMB will elevate to FEC to identify funding.</p> <p>Dave Haston will vet with Forest Service</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reference authoritative sources for information, reducing the locations that NWCG must update. ○ Introducing NWCG standards early and often. ○ Develop appropriate level of training. ○ Developing standards for 125 positions. ● New Training Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will reduce travel. ○ Increase speed to competency. ○ Increase accessibility by blending in-person and virtual training. ○ Some positions will not require any more training than completing a taskbook. ● Accomplishments to Date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Developed and maintained a robust and comprehensive website. ○ Developed and populated NWCG Training Catalog. ○ Created NWCG Position Catalog and position-specific pages. ○ Completed all Incident Position Descriptions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contain position duties and responsibilities and serve as baseline for Position-Specific Standards development. ○ Drafted a next generation Position Taskbook. ○ Established expectations and partnerships with positions stewards and host committees. ○ Use Position Standards and NWCG publications as student materials for courses. ○ Established communication mechanisms with the field. ○ Currently in process via internal work and contracting: FWPT, FAL1, FAL2, FAL3, CRWB, RXB1, RXB2, and MEDL. ● Staffing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Unable to move forward without additional staffing. ○ Additional staff with assist NWCG training and keep the contract on track. ○ Moving forward with the Program Manager detail. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duties will include statement of work and communication plan. ▪ NWCG is funding the position out of the current budget. ● Timeframes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop external communications plan by August 2022. ○ Provide quarterly updates to NWCG Executive Board and FMB beginning July 2022. ○ Complete Statement of Work for FY2023 by July 2022. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expected to be awarded February 2023. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Process for incorporating feedback October 2022.○ Develop training videos on how to utilize the new system by December 2022.○ Complete CRWB performance package and implement into the system December 2022.○ Complete the Faller 3 performance package May 2023.○ Striving for 18+ position per year, if fully staffed.● Working Assumptions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Systems Improvement will be the primary focus for several years.○ Additional staffing is needed to accomplish.○ Outstanding vacancies need to be filled to meet timeframes.○ SMEs are needed throughout the process.○ Some positions will not require position-specific training.○ Learning and gaining efficiencies as we work through the process.	