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Guests: Chris Buzo (WFIT), Morganne Lehr (NR Sit Unit Lead), Bryan Henry (PS Pgm Mgr).

Topic & Notes	Decision
<p>PSOG Communications Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members discussed developing a more formal communications plan in an effort to focus messaging to reach key stakeholders and to raise awareness about the PSOG’s initiative long-term benefits. Channels of communication discussed: Meeting minutes, memorandum, briefing papers, email, and interactive websites. 	<p>Approved. Dan O’Brien will draft a communication plan that provides a clear roadmap for consistently communicating the PSOG message.</p> <p>Topic added to February agenda.</p>
<p>PSOG 2020 Program of Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members discussed the option of developing a program of work as a systematic way of keeping track of the program’s goals, priorities, and project needs. The Program of Work would serve as a clearinghouse of collective interests that members support. Although the concept is valid, at this time, the committee does not see a need to have a full program of work and will instead track items in an action log. 	<p>Members agree to track program actions items via a log documenting the description of the task, date open/closed, identified lead, and any associated comments.</p>
<p>PSOG Partnership Letter to the National Weather Service (NWS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief discussion of the intent of the letter to seek a partnership with the NWS to explore opportunities to collaborate in a combined effort to enable cross-entity teams to work together toward a common goal. PSOG members are in support of the letter as a method to pave a better relationship with the NWS and work together to address complex issues related to Predictive Services. Task – Dan O’Brien work with Heidi Strader to draft a memo to send to Predictive Services staff on how to engage with the National Weather Service. 	<p>Approved. Dan O’Brien will format the letter to send to the Chief Operating Officer of the National Weather Service.</p>
<p>7-Day Near Term Solution (NTS) and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief review of the 7-Day NTS geared to identify the requirements of a system for predictive services business that includes workflow for the business, data requirements, architectural requirements, and various general requirements. Task – Dan O’Brien will draft a proposal complete with a Q&A to take to Sean Cross (NWCG Program Manager) to the Wildland Fire Information Technology (WFIT) Program Board (PB) to engage in their process for validation and approval for funding. Task – Dan O’Brien will work with Heidi Strader, Chuck Maxwell, and Billy Gardunio to develop a process for adopting a national product from a Predictive Services perspective that will include principle contacts, funding, and identification of what groups should be included in the communication. Intent is that the product will be shared with Tim Sexton (USFS RD&A) and the entire program. 	<p>Topic added to February agenda.</p>
<p>2020 Northern Rockies Remote Situation Unit Presentation</p>	<p>N/A</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief presentation of the NR Remote Situation Unit that described the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2018 – Efforts to establish consistent IMT GIS workflows and develop efficiencies. ○ 2019 – Develop an implementation plan, identify geospatial gaps, develop solutions, communication plan, services available to IMTs, and deploy remote situation units. ○ 2020 – Recommendation to keep the remote situation unit a support function of the Northern Rockies Coordination Center (NRCC) during periods of high fire activity, but needs data support. • Task – PSOG will consult with Morganne Lehr (Lead, NR Remote Situation Unit) and Skip Edel (Geospatial Fire Analyst) gather information and draft a briefing paper on a remote situation unit that will identify business need and intent, requirements for a national data set, and a feasibility assessment with how the concept will intersect with other areas (e.g. decision support). Document will be taken forward to the next Coordinating Advisory Group Council (CGAC) meeting. 	
<p>NICC Predictive Services Product Expansion – AWIPS Updates and Planned Advancements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWIPS II/FX Cave moving to a cloud-based system that will allow access to the system from any location with any computer. Lingering load time issues are set to be resolved. • The data export feature will be further developed and users will be able to auto export any procedural display or tubular set of data for posting to the web. NFDRS gridded data will also be imported. • Have a five (5) year agreement in place with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) with a caveat 30-day notice to get out of the agreement if necessary. • SimuAWIPS is a possible alternative that has faster load time, is portable, and rarely goes down. Drawbacks are it lacks resolution, some data fields require “zoomability” hybridization, export capabilities, background maps, and data is proprietary. 	<p>PSOG agrees to include AWIPS II/FX Cave and SimuAWIPS as an avenue for collaboration in partnership with the National Weather Service (NWS).</p>
<p>Predictive Services Product Support and Program Requirements – Building the Cohesive Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group briefly discussed the requirements of a Predictive Services Program that includes, but is not limited to, data integration, support of resource mobilization, historic resource commitment, historic/current weather, and an overarching analysis to quantify the information. • Task – Draft a business case to define the intelligence needed in order to inform the decision-making needed to take the product into the future. 	<p>PSOG group will host a strategic session in Boise April 21-23, 2020 to discuss program requirements in building the cohesive team.</p>

Next Meeting: