



PSOG Members: Dan O’Brien (GACC), Heidi Strader (PS Met), Nate Benson (Fire Mgmt), Beth Lund (FMB Liaison), Chuck Maxwell (NTS Lead), Krysta Shultz (NWCG). Not present: Nancy Ellsworth (GACC), Jarrod Simontacchi (NICC), Shane McDonald (NMAC), Kelly Castillo (CGAC), Brian Achziger (Fire Mgmt), GaBriella Branson (PS Intel), Billy Gardunio (PS Fire Analyst).

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

Topic & Notes`	Decision
January minutes review and approval.	Approved.
National Weather Service (NWS)/PSOG Conference Call <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NWS was given a brief history of Predictive Services (PS) that focused on the commonalities between the missions of the each group. Further, the group discussed a mutual interest in pursuing a collaborative process of integration between the NWS and PSOG. An exploratory committee will be convened to begin the next steps toward building a stronger partnership. Consider using SimuAWIPS as an initial topic of discussion as a common foundation that can encourage the buy-in needed for success. Dan O’Brien, Beth Lund, and Michelle Hawkins to take the lead in initiating this effort. 	N/A
Review of the Draft PSOG Partnership Letter to the NWS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intent of the letter is to highlight commonalities between the groups and frame up ways to leverage these similarities to provide a collaborative environment with opportunities for growth and learning. Consider adding a paragraph that goes into a bit more depth as to what is needed to help foster a successful relationship. 	Approved. Dan O’Brien will format the letter to send to the Chief Operating Officer of the National Weather Service.
Next Steps of the Cohesive Team and NWS Collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion about the products Predictive Services can use as an advantage point for opportunities that will help expansion based on a common thread. Be able to coordinate at the Geographic Area Coordination Center (GACC) level to ensure particular tools are available to all and are tied to a broader system. Communicate initiatives to all stakeholders to gain more traction and buy-in. Be nimble and strategic when the situation dictates change. Task – Draft a briefing paper that sets objectives, timeframes, and articulates the specific needs that are necessary to build a foundation for the initiatives of collaboration. 	Topic added to March agenda.
Wildland Fire Information Technology (WFIT) Proposal and 7-Day NTS Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group is engaged in the WFIT process for the development of an IT Capability Requirement. Will be working to assemble, as appropriate, NWCG representation relevant to application business lead, and other primary stakeholders to address purpose/engagement, process management, and resources available. Currently, there is no funding for the 7-day NTS project. Discussions with Tim Sexton, USDA RD&A, are hopeful to have resolution in a few weeks. If the project does not receive funding, will need to come up with additional plans on how to move forward. 	N/A

Next Meeting: March 25, 2020 at 1200 Pacific Time.