



NWCG Meeting Notes

September 18, 2019

Executive Board (EB): Garth Fisher (BIA), Aitor Bidaburu (USFA), Dan Smith (NASF), Frank Guzman (USFS), Shane McDonald (FWS), Dan Buckley for Mark Koontz (NPS), Will May (IAFC), Jeff Arnberger (BLM), Kim Van Hemelryck (DOI OWF Liaison), Tim Sexton (RD&A), Jim Durglo (ITC).

NWCG Staff: Sean Cross (NWCG Manager), Deb Fleming (Coordinator), Krysta Shultz (Exec. Secretary), Tim Blake (Coordinator), Paul Schlobohm (Coordinator), Jesse Bender (Publications Mgr). Not present: Jeff Hughes (Training Pgm Mgr), Nancie Turner (Webmaster).

Guests: Bill Kaage (NPS Division Chief, Fire and Aviation), Mike Mattfeldt (Co-Chair, NIMS Integration Committee), Mack McFarland (Chair, Hazard Tree Subcommittee).

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<p>Update on the FEMA NIMS Coordination Kickoff – Senior Group Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was held Aug 28-29. Based on EB and staff participation in the meeting, recommendation is to have NIMSIC represent the NWCG on the Senior Group until a need for other representation is established. 	<p>Mike Mattfeldt, NIMSIC Co-Chair, will represent NWCG on the Senior Group.</p>
<p>Update on TM-19-03 NWCG Tasking to address the Corrective Action Plan for Captain Brian Hughes Serious Accident Investigation.</p> <p>Mack McFarland, NWCG Hazard Tree Subcommittee (HTSC) Chair, briefed the Executive Board on the HTSC initial response to the tasking. Initial recommendations included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend current S-212 to incorporate the introduction of human factors discussions and a consistent complexity analysis specific to chainsaw operations. Develop evaluable tasks within fireline leadership taskbooks to specifically call out hazards associated with trees and/or felling operations on incidents. Develop an advanced felling curriculum. Revise taskbooks (and other direction) to incorporate new complexity analysis and human factors terminology. Address disconnect between USFS, DOI, and State agencies’ methodologies in certification to ensure consistency in how sawyers move from lower to higher chainsaw certifications. 	<p>Bill Kaage will brief Shawna Legarza on the discussion and report back to Tim Blake and Mack McFarland on next steps.</p> <p>Further direction to the Hazard Tree Subcommittee and other stakeholders will be developed and issued as necessary.</p>
<p>Update on TM-19-002 NWCG Course Management Subgroup Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A framework for addressing the tasking has been drafted. Will be regrouping with task team members and affected committee chairs to present the framework for discussion. Preliminarily, the framework organizes course management subgroups into: a) course steering committees, and b) curriculum management subgroups. Should have report to Executive Board late fall/early winter. 	<p>N/A</p>
<p>NWCG Committee Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing <i>Committee Membership Information</i> on the website proved there are inconsistencies in the way committee rosters are structured as it relates to the definitions on this page. 	<p>Coordinators will review all committee and subgroup rosters and will report back to the</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further, the information on the website does not match what is written in the NWCG Charter. 	<p>Executive Board with adjustments and recommended changes.</p> <p>Topic added to October agenda.</p>
<p><i>NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Resource Typing, PMS 200</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft web portal for the new publication was presented to the Executive Board. Intent is to locate all resource typing standards in one location to make them easier to reference and update. The <i>Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide, PMS 210</i>, currently holds most of the typing standards. The standards are broken out by categories: aircraft, crews, and equipment. 	<p>Validate typing with steward committees and update prior to officially implementing portal.</p>
<p>Incident Workforce Development Group draft white paper titled: <i>Creating a Management Environment in Support of IMT Succession: Considerations for Agency Executives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board briefed that FMB supports the intent of the white paper which is to capture the role of agency leadership in IMT succession and sustaining a capable workforce, but felt that all chartering groups should be involved in review and dissemination. IWDG is drafting a problem statement to accompany recommendations and continues to pursue data to support the problem statement. 	<p>Topic added to October joint agenda with FMB.</p>
<p>Approval of Draft Letter re: NWCG representation on NFPA Fire Investigation Technical Committee & Review of WFISC Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board briefed on reasoning behind having Jim Engel and Alan Carlson, who are retired, continue their tenure in representing NWCG on the NFPA Fire Investigations Technical Committee. Board expressed desire to have this be an interim solution and suggest adding verbiage to letter in support of this concept. Will discuss the membership on the WFISC at a future Executive Board meeting. 	<p>Board supports the participation of Mr. Engel and Mr. Carlson for the duration of the NFPA 921 revision, or approximately 18 months.</p>
<p>NWCG Committee Chair Rotations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Operations & Training Committee chair will work with committee to identify candidates and ensure a chair is in place prior to the October OTC meeting. Frank Guzman provided a candidate name. National Coordination System Committee recommends Jarrod Simontacchi to replace Kathy Pipkin as chair. NIMS Integration Committee proposes moving to co-chair structure with Mike Mattfeldt and Steve Griffin. Mike can represent NIMSIC from Boise, while Steve can engage with FEMA from DC. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Board decision will take place via email. Approved. Approved.