



## NWCG Meeting Notes

December 18, 2019

**Executive Board (EB):** Garth Fisher (BIA), Dan Smith (NASF), Frank Guzman (USFS), Shane McDonald (FWS), Mark Koontz (NPS), Will May (IAFC), Jeff Arnberger (BLM), Kim Van Hemelryck (DOI OWF Liaison), Jim Durglo (ITC).

**NWCG Staff:** Sean Cross (NWCG Manager), Krysta Shultz (Exec. Secretary), Tim Blake (Coordinator), Paul Schlobohm (Coordinator), Jeff Hughes (Training Pgm Mgr), Nancie Turner (Webmaster).

**Guests:** Jeff Soule (USFA), Nanette Hosenfeld (BLM), John Wood (USFS), Tommy Hayes (BLM), Steve Shaw (BLM), Mike Mattfeldt (USFS).

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| <p>All-Hazard Type 3 IMT Tiered System Concept Proposal Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project started as a way to help jurisdictions build Type 3 IMTs. After Hurricane Season 2017, there was a lack of confidence and confusion in team capabilities. Currently there is no mechanism to audit or assess performance of T3 teams.</li> <li>The proposed white paper is a draft framework meant to clarify expectations and provide guidance. Document vetted at the Incident and Position Standards Committee (IPSC) and NIMS Integration Committee (NIMSIC) meetings; gained overall support at both meetings. Anticipate the release of version 4 by January 1, 2020.</li> </ul> | <p>EB members support the proposal and continual engagement from the Incident and Position Standards Committee (IPSC) and NIMS Integration Committee (NIMSIC).</p> <p>Topic added for quarterly updates on the EB agenda.</p> |
| <p>Annual Meeting Final Draft Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Task team is underway developing the agenda with an emphasis on interpersonal communications. Two trainers will be facilitating the meeting and addressing the concepts of wildland fire as it relates to neuroscience, adaptation, and resilience.</li> </ul>   | <p>Approved.</p>  |
| <p>NIFC Lightning Data Contract Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The BLM lightning contract with Vaisala will terminate at the end of 2019. The desired outcome is for the lightning vendor to assume NIFC's role of lightning data storage and delivery. This amounts to a significant change in the contract requirements, Requested that the EB support for this change, as representatives of wildland fire business.</li> </ul>  | <p>Approved.</p>  |
| <p>Leadership Committee Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee met in early December. Highlights of the meeting: Curriculum mapping, leadership goals for IPDs, Certifying L-Course instructors, stress and first aid discussion with Dr. Patricia Watson in coordination with the Risk Management Committee (RMC) and the Mental Health Subcommittee (MHSC), and the transition of fireleadership.gov website to NWCG.</li> </ul>  | <p>N/A</p>  |
| <p>Update on S-420</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Test courses are scheduled in New Mexico (February) and Oregon (February and March). The certification date will depend on successful completion of test course(s).</li> </ul>   | <p>N/A</p>  |

Additional information beyond these meeting notes (i.e. handouts, presentations, maps, etc.) will require a FOIA request to ensure proper privacy regulations are followed. Please request via email: [blm\\_fa\\_foia@blm.gov](mailto:blm_fa_foia@blm.gov)



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**Note:** The topic in the table below was a separate meeting to discuss the Wildland Fire Learning Portal.

**Attendance – Executive Board:** Garth Fisher (BIA), Aitor Bidaburu (USFA), Dan Smith (NASF), Frank Guzman (USFS), Shane McDonald (FWS), Mark Koontz (NPS), Tim Sexton (RD&A), Jim Durglo (ITC), Will May (IAFC), Kim Van Hemelryck (DOI OWF Liaison), Jeff Arnberger (BLM). **Staff:** Sean Cross (NWCG Program Manager), Krysta Shultz (Executive Secretary), Paul Schlobohm (NWCG FMB Liaison), Tim Blake (Coordinator), Jesse Bender (Publications Manager), Nancie Turner (Webmaster), Jeff Hughes (Training Program Manager). **Guests:** Grant Beebe (BLM), Meagan Conry (BLM), Steve Manthei (OWF), Rick Gividen (OWF), Melissa Wegner (BLM), Kelly Woods (BLM), Emily Webb (USFS).

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| <p>Wildland Fire Learning Portal (WFLP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Executive Board hosted a discussion of the NWCG Wildland Fire Learning Portal. Issues discussed included current status of the portal; development vs. operations and maintenance; linkage with NWCG website; difference between website and learning portal; and long term governance. Executive Board discussed the possibility of chartering an NWCG Wildland Fire Learning Portal Change Management Board.</li></ul> | <p>Board decided to meet in Executive Session to further discuss and determine a way forward.</p> |