



NWCG Meeting Notes

June 17, 2020

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

NWCG Staff: Steve Shaw (NWCG Manager), Marley Marshall (Coordinator), Deb Fleming (Coordinator), Tim Blake (Coordinator), Jesse Bender (Publications Manager), Nancie Turner (Webmaster), Jeff Hughes (Training Program Manager)

Guests: L.J. Brown and Elden Alexander (COVID-19 Coordinators), Angie Simpson (FMC Chair)

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<p>NWCG Staffing Updates and Topics of Interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on permanent positions and details. Updating NWCG TO for discussion next month. • Development of NWCG Acting schedule. • Increasing use of NWCG social media platforms and presence. • Provide more detailed update on IPDs, PSAT, and other projects next month. 	<p>Add to July Agenda</p>
<p>COVID Activities:</p> <p>-- Update from COVID Coordinators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portland NIMO is hosting regular Incident Management Remote Response (IMRR) calls in each functional area with hundreds of attendees. • Wildland Fire Response Plans are being maintained by geographic areas and implemented as fire activity increases. • Members of MPHAT are visiting fires in southwest to garner feedback on issued guidance. They plan to simplify the epidemiology guidance for the field with an infographic or talking points. <p>-- COVID and WFM Module/Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews are occurring in the southwest on active incidents. Hope to have first videos ready next week. <p>-- COVID IRPG Decal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident and Position Standards Committee (IPSC) has recommended a COVID briefing checklist decal for the IRPG. Add NWCG COVID link for more information; maintain site as a consolidated repository for information. Make the decal available on NWCG website now so local units can print as desired prior to the availability in the cache. 	<p>Accept the recommendation and issue through NWCG memo.</p>

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<p>NWCG Project Prioritization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">NWCG staff has developed criteria to prioritize all projects (publications, training, website, and other requests) on a programmatic level. So far, current projects have been prioritized according to the criteria. Criteria will be posted on the web, and the list of priorities will be posted for transparency. Monthly updates will be included in Executive Board materials.Staff will use the list to begin tracking program accomplishments and finished projects as well.Next steps will include developing a process for accepting and prioritizing new projects.	N/A
<p>NWCG Course Management Subgroup TM-19-002 Update and FMC Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reviewed proposed changes to structure, mission, and objectives for Fuels Management Committee (FMC) and its subgroups. Coordination with course steering committees has increased positively as a result of the course management review.Next will work with Data Management Committee (DMC) and IPSC.	Approve proposed changes to FMC subgroups.
<p>Status of Wildland Fire Learning Portal (WFLP) Governing Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Improving representation by adding a second IAFC member, a second NASF member, and an NWCG Training staff member. Stew Richter will be Chair. Mike Ellsworth will be Vice-Chair.WFIT Project Charter identifies a stakeholder group that conflicts with Governing Board. Desire to have one group to evaluate the project requirements, business processes, and change management of the WFLP.	N/A

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