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MEMORANDUM

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To: Don Grant, FEMA National Integration Center (NIC) Director

From: NWCG Chair *William Raage*

Date: April 28, 2011

Subject: National Standards and the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)

At the January 2011 NWCG All Chairs Meeting, Ashley Moore made an outstanding presentation regarding national standards. The presentation was very informative, and expanded our understanding about the complexity of national standards and our need to elevate NWCG standards.

We would like to invite Ashley back for a more in-depth presentation and discussions with the NWCG Executive Board and select committee members and program managers. The meeting we would like him to participate in is May 24-26, 2011 in Boise.

The objective of these discussions is to increase our understanding of the national standards process so we can make informed decisions regarding NWCG standards and our next steps. These discussions will likely result in NWCG moving forward with a strategic plan for national recognition of the NWCG standards that already exist, and a process for those we are likely to create in the future.

We will need a brief overview of what Ashley has already presented, and then we need to expand our understanding of the alternatives he views as potential avenues for NWCG.

We would like Ashley to meet in the morning with the larger NWCG body, and be available in the afternoon to meet with representatives from the various committees to discuss, in more detail, the kinds of standards they deal with and oversee. The objective of the afternoon discussion is to help the committees and NWCG staff gain a better understanding of the national standards process so they may develop a strategic approach to pursue national recognition of the NWCG standards.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If Ashley is available for the requested dates, Bonnie Wood, NWCG Manager will be his primary contact and will be able to provide logistical information for Ashley's visit.

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