



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

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NWCG Memorandum No. 14-014

Date: 6 October 2014

TO: Bill Kaage, Chair, Fire Management Board

FROM: Dan Smith, Chair, NWCG Executive Board

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SUBJECT: Response to M-14-08 Fire Management Board Direction for Evolving Incident Management via NWCG EIM Project

In October 2011, the NWCG-chartered Incident Management Organization Succession Planning Team (IMOSPT) provided recommendations for addressing sustainability issues with the current model of wildland fire succession planning and response. The NWCG subsequently chartered the Evolving Incident Management (EIM) project team to develop implementation plans for the IMOSPT recommendations. In July 2014, the Fire Management Board requested that NWCG address specific concerns about the EIM project. The NWCG tasked the EIM project team to address these concerns.

The EIM project team has addressed the specific concerns and developed an updated case for change, revised recommendations, and a proposed implementation schedule. Their report is attached. The NWCG Executive Board supports the recommendations. However, we recognize that this is an interim solution, as the recommendations do not fully address the issues identified by the IMOSPT. The most significant issues continue to be barriers to IMT participation and workforce succession, both of which are largely under the purview of the individual member agencies. This is identified in the EIM project team's report.

The National Association of State Foresters and the International Association of Fire Chiefs have expressed concerns similar to those of the FMB to the NWCG Executive Board. We will keep them apprised of and seek their support for these developments.

Please let us know if you support the EIM project team's revised recommendations. If so, we will work with the EIM project team on the proposed implementation plans. We will also continue to seek solutions to the long term sustainability issues identified in the original IMOSPT report.

Attachments

- Response to NWCG Tasking Memo M-14-08 Fire Management Board direction for Evolving Incident Management via NWCG EIM Project
- EIM Alternative Comparison Matrix
- ICAP Agency Employee Snapshot
- ICAP National Data Charts
- IMT Use By Agency
- FEC Memorandum to FMB RE: Evolving Incident Management
- NWCG Tasking Memo M-14-08 Fire Management Board Direction for Evolving Incident Management via NWCG EIM Project

cc: NWCG Executive Board, NWCG Program Management Unit (PMU), EIM Project Team Lead