



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

NWCG Memorandum 24-001

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TO: Pamela Melroy, Deputy Administrator of National Aeronautics and Space Administration

FROM: Aitor Bidaburu, Chair, NWCG Executive Board

SUBJECT: National Aeronautics and Space Administration NWCG Membership

Purpose: The purpose of this memorandum is to formally welcome the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) as a member of NWCG.

Please distribute this information through your agency channels.

Issue/Action: NASA joined NWCG as an associate member on December 12, 2023. NASA explores the unknown in air and space, innovates for the benefit of humanity, and inspires the world through discovery. Including NASA as an NWCG member is a significant step to enhancing interagency collaboration among wildland fire resources.

Parimal Kopardekar (PK) will serve as the NASA appointed member on the NWCG Executive Board. The NWCG Executive Board looks forward to working with PK and NASA to provide collaborative leadership, strategic direction, and executive oversight to accomplish the NWCG mission.

Background: The NWCG Executive Board thanks NASA for their presentation on November 14, 2023, which outlined the NASA program, benefits of their membership, and the formal request for membership. Participating agencies subsequently assessed NASA's NWCG membership proposal then, after assuring all parties adequately communicated within their respective chains of command, the NWCG Executive Board collectively agreed on NASA becoming an NWCG associate member.

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