



## Fire Management Board

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TO: Federal Group Chairs and Program Managers

FROM: William Kaage, Chair, Fire Management Board

SUBJECT: Fire Management Board relationships to Groups and Programs

The Fire Management Board (FMB) has determined its relationships to various federal groups and programs, based in part on your responses to our inquiry of August 2014 (FMB Memo 14-002). Our purpose is to provide effective management and coordination of inherently federal wildland fire-related groups, projects, and programs.

Three groups are chartered under the FMB:

- Emerging Technology Group
  - Supports user groups with development and approval of new technologies
- Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations Group
  - Revises, publishes, and distributes the *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations*
- Interagency Fire Program Management Group
  - Manages qualifications standards for key federal fire management positions

Two groups chartered under the Fire Executive Council will coordinate closely with the FMB:

- Federal Interagency Medical Standards Group
- Joint Fire Sciences Program

The FMB is working with the National Wildfire Coordinating Group, the director of the National Wildland Fire Training Center, and the chair of the Coordinating Group Advisory Council under NMAC for a link to the Geographic Area Training Representatives, in order to clarify and document relationships for the training arena. Similar discussions will be held with the director of the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center Program.

The FMB is tasking a group to review the National Predictive Services Program. The review will assess original intent, current status, and future needs in order to provide recommendations for the program. While the work will begin in 2015, it should carry over for discussion and decisions by appropriate bureaus or interagency groups in 2016 and beyond.

We appreciate your patience and support as we continue to work within the new wildland fire governance structures. Expect additional discussion and direction regarding this topic as we continue to clarify FMB business processes. Please contact Bill Kaage, FMB Chair, 208-387-5225, if you have questions or suggestions.

cc: Fire Management Board Members; Tom Harbor (Co-Chair, Fire Executive Council); Jim Douglas (Co-Chair, Fire Executive Council); Dan Smith (Chair, National Wildfire Coordinating Group); Doug Alexander (Chair, Coordinating Group Advisory Council); Brit Rosso (Director, WF Lessons Learned Center); Lisa Elenz (Chair, Emerging Technology Group); Curtis Heaton (Director, National Wildland Fire Training Center)