FMB Meeting Notes February 17, 2021

FMB Members: Ken Schmid (NPS), Aaron Baldwin (BLM for Meagan Conry), Beth Lund (USFS), Chris Wilcox (FWS), Aitor Bidaburu (USFA), Rhonda Toronto (USFS). Julian Affuso (USFS), Susan Bates (OAS), Jackie Martin (BIA for Leon Ben), Erin Horsburgh (FMB- Chair).

Staff: Tim Blake (Facilitator), Darci Drinkwater (Executive Secretary).

Guests: Dan Smith (NASF), LJ Brown (COVID Task Force), Gil Dustin (COVID Task Force), Elden Alexander (COVID Task Force), Kaili McCray (MPHAT), Robin Brooks (BLM), Shane McDonald (FWS).

Topic & Notes	Decision
COVID Coordinators Briefing:	N/A
 Report of fully vaccinated people testing positive for COVID. 	
 Being vaccinated does not lead to immunity. 	
 Vaccinated people can still test positive and be a carrier. 	
 Safe COVID practices still need to be followed after vaccination. 	
 MPHAT has drafted a briefing paper to dispel false information. 	
• Interagency Aviation Training (IAT) announces 2021 Spring Training Webinar Event to achieve training	
that has been traditionally classroom only.	
• Emergency Support Function 4 (ESF-4) mission assignments and activations of liaisons, IMTs, command	
and control resources, and over 100 total vaccinators.	
 Orders expected to increase. 	
Incident Management Remote Response (IMRR) working with Area Command/Incident Command	
(ACIC) and NWCG to implement action items identified in IMRR survey.	
o IMRR also creating "Tech Talk" videos. i.e., submitting digital CTRs.	
Wildland Fire Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT) Update:	N/A
COVID vaccines for Wildland Fire Personnel memo.	
o Intent is to release newest and most pertinent information regarding COVID vaccines and	
encourage wildland fire personnel to get the vaccine.	
o Wildland fire personnel are included as first responders and in vaccination phase 1B.	
COVID Surveillance Data Task Force	
Standardizing ways to report COVID information/cases. We also a solid COVID and the COVID and the solid and	
Working with CDC to update COVID mitigations guide.	
Researching what Federal Mask Mandate will mean for firefighters.	27/4
Participant Updates:	N/A
National Association of State Foresters (NASF) Provided to the Source of the Association of State Foresters (NASF) Output Description:	
 Discussing data that 50% of structure firefighters declined COVID vaccine when offered. 	

Additional information beyond these meeting notes (i.e. handouts, presentations, maps, etc.) will require a FOIA request to ensure proper privacy regulations are followed. Please request via FOIA Online website at https://www.doi.gov/foia/make-a-request

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 Request action plan before fully support Incident Workforce Development Group (IWDG) tasking for Complex Management Teams. National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) Working with the Head General of the National Guard on Mobilization Guide. Assisting with ESF-4 vaccinator efforts. National Wildfire Coordination Group (NWCG) Training Delivery Committee (TDC) working on converting courses to Wildland Fire Learning Portal (WFLP). Making great strides. 	
 NWCG Executive Board supportive of IWDG tasking. COVID Coordinators Detail- Status: New DOI COVID detailer onboard and working with current detailer on duties. Need to draft a delegation of authority for the new detailer. Expectations may need to be revised due to having one detailer instead of two. Ideally would still like FS and State COVID Coordinators. 	LJ Brown and Erin Horsburgh will draft Delegation of authority for new COVID Coordinator. Beth Lund to follow up with LJ Brown about COVID Coordinator.
 Forest Service would like to better understand the need for a COVID Coordinator. Incident Workforce Development Group (IWDG) - Review Tasking: Requesting feedback and discussion. Concern that previous attempts to build Complex Management Teams were unsuccessful. Might have success if FMB members socialize it extensively. Interested in looking at all the impacts if this tasking moves forward. 	IWDG finalized tasking added to March agenda. In general, NMAC/FMB/NWCG all support IWDG Tasking to move forward with consistent communication and solid action plan.
 Team rotation and availability will be major issues. Apprenticeship Program: DOI has signed and document is complete. Waiting on standard Position Descriptions. Document sent to Department of Labor (DOL) to sign then we can move forward. 	DOI fully onboard no further discussion needed. Erin Horsburgh will follow up with DOL.
 Interagency Fire Program Management Update: DOI IFPM task group split with Forest Service to try and reach consensus on issues and recommendations within the DOI. Then will reconvene with Forest Service. Currently meeting weekly. Focus has been on what are the minimum qualifications for those making fire-based mission decisions. Using selective factors and training to make decisions. Presenting final proposal at March meeting. 	IFPM finalized proposal added to March agenda.

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 Will need to be distributed to Agencies for discussions and support. Foreseeing impacts to Human Resources (HR). Will be requesting direction from FMB in proposal. 	
Next FMB Chair: Chair is now Erin Horsburgh Vice Chair is Chris Wilcox Review FMB Charter at next meeting.	FMB Charter review added to March agenda.