

FMB Members in Attendance: Aitor Bidaburu (USFA), Chad Fisher (NPS), Grant Bebe (BLM), Sarah Fisher (USFS), Chris Wilcox (FWS), Stephen Nelson (USFS IT), Brad Koeckeritz (OAS), Aaron Baldwin (BIA), Dave Haston (USFS), Erin Horsburgh-Chair (OWF)

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

Guests: Kaili McCray (MPHAT), Jeff Arnberger (BLM)

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<p>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Slip-On Tanker Units Pilot Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50,000,000 made available in BIL funding to establish and implement a pilot program to provide local governments and Tribal Nations assistance for the acquisition of slip-on tankers units. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Establishment of fleets of vehicles that can be quickly converted to fire engines. • Office of Wildland Fire (OWF) provided guidance authorizing DOI to implement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jeff Arnberger is the lead. ○ Task group includes BLM, BIA, OWF, NASF, FWS, and NPS. • Grant program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No build/transfer or procure/transfer. ○ Specs/options will be established. ○ Approximate cost per unit \$6,000-\$10,000. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Includes labor to retrieve, transport and installation fees. ○ Recommended initial investment of \$5 million in FY23. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evaluate demand and make further allocations. • Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) USFS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provides funding for similar items and programs. ○ Fewer limitation than other programs. ○ Easy for applicants. ○ Program infrastructure and staff already established. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Web portal, applicant review, process, and panel. • Qualifying project proposal requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 25 horsepower or lower rating. ○ Pressure not capable of exceeding 300 psi. ○ Primary use must be for initial-attack suppression. • Applicant eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local Governments located in an area with a risk of wildfires. ○ Tribal Nations 	<p>Support to move forward to IFEC.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alaska Native Corporations ○ Non-profit only. ● Project priority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High or very high wildfire hazard area. ○ Low-income community. ○ Impacted by a severe disaster. ● Eligibility criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Max grant amount \$15,000. ○ Grant term 4 years, with one-year extension possible. For a total max term of 5 years. ○ No cost-share match requirements. ● Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assign Grants/Agreements staff and establish an Interagency agreement with USFS to provide funding for slip-on tanker units through existing CWDG program. ○ Monitor demand of program and forecast future demand. 	
<p>Expanded MPHAT Scope to Support Firefighter Health and Wellbeing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Envision an advisory group with decreased membership to provide flexible for the group to bring in SMEs as needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Umbrella approach for mental and physical wellbeing of Wildland Firefighters. ○ Engage NWCG Committees as needed. ○ Charter under FMB. ● Membership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identify positions not people for charter membership. ○ Current membership focused on infectious disease. ○ Need to maintain State connections. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mark Goeller ▪ CAL FIRE representative ○ FMB/FEC liaison representative needed. ○ Remove Safety Officer representative. 	<p>Discuss revised charter at August 4th meeting.</p>
<p>MPHAT Update on DOI/FS Incident Screening Testing Guidance and Tasking on Implementation Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Draft guidance on hold. ● Engaged with DOI OSH. ● Concerns with procuring tests without a plan in place. 	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Workforce Taskforce working through testing plans. • FS FAQ being developed which will include ADs and unvaccinated. • No joint guidance being developed at this time. • DOI Bureaus to establish plans and buy tests but there have been issues with the BPA. • FS sharing tests on incidents that were acquired by the Cares Act. 	
<p>ICIWEB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update will provide a way to modernize within the cloud and become a single resource to maintain. • Delayed release of update to minimize interruptions during fire season and allow time to improve roll plan. • More training development will be needed. • Update release September 2022. 	<p>Will provide addition update before rollout.</p>
<p>Dingall Act Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FS received \$12 million this year to implement resource tracking. • Estimate needed \$87.5 million over 5 years for FS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approximately \$300 per unit and \$20 per month for subscription. ▪ Approximately \$27-\$30 million for devices. ▪ Rolling stock and per person tracking plus upgrades to dispatch centers. • Logistics is a huge component to track individual Firefighters. • Devices can be installed on units. • Need to develop a detailed process. • Program will only be viable if we can secure the funding for years to come. • Set standard and then allow Agencies to adopt as appropriate. 	<p>Request briefing paper on cost breakdown for August 17th meeting.</p>