Fire Management Board FMB Meeting Notes

FMB Members in Attendance: Chuck Russell (NPS), Meagan Conry (BLM), Sarah Fisher (USFS), Brad Koeckeritz (OAS), Aaron Baldwin (BIA), Chris Wilcox- Chair (FWS), Aitor Bidaburu (USFA), Kaili McCray (acting for OWF)

Staff: Karma Hope (Executive Secretary)

Guests: Robert Trincado, Tammy Randall-Parker, Marlene Eno-Hendren, & Jason Fallon

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 Prescribed Fire Training Center Strategic Plan: Reviewed and addressed comments made on the Strategic Plan. Discussion points: Fuels Academy is housed with PFTC to provide support and framework in the building/development stage. What are the short, mid and long term goals for the fuels academy? Who will be the parent organization eventually as it grows beyond PFTC? How does this fit within the big picture of vegetation management? Considered the org chart; how it relates to the Fuels Academy, vacant positions and how it all ties together. 	Consensus - the group supported the current draft with some changes to the org chart and the addition of a short paragraph regarding the Fuels Academy and how it fits in. Next step – Trincado & Randall-Parker to provide a clean copy and route via email for final review & signatures. Strategic Plan to be included on the FMB agenda on yearly basis to for review & potential updates.
Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation (errata statement):	FMB approved and Marlene will distribute for final signatures.
 MPHAT Memo: The group reviewed the document prior to the meeting and approved. Kaili brought up the need to clean up the covid information on the website. 	Karma & Chris will work to release the memo with approved document and will add to the website.
 Predictive Services Oversight Group (PSOG) Update: Derrick presented the group with some background information and existing challenges. Nick outlined the existing asks for FMB today and moved through presentation. Concept #1 – Fire Operations Support Joint Office 	Nick will send out the presentation via email. Concept #1 – PSOG will create a report for upper leadership to assist with higher

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 The current model identified possible agencies for incorporation; the agencies will be removed from the graphic to avoid misunderstandings and getting lost in the weeds instead of gaining an understanding of intent. Concept #2 - Current tech and science support. There is a recognized need for increasing efforts to provide the best products to the field. Important to ensure the right people are making the decisions. Avoid research for research's sake and IT driven development. Must fulfill the needs of the field. It will require hiring but should be done in phases and intentionally. Concept #3 - Predictive Services Program How do we best meet the needs of the wildland fire community at large while navigating the sensitivities of the local GACCs & coordinating groups? Do we beef up our current structure and hire more to create a deeper bench or do we create a national oversight program to create direction and guidelines across all wildland fire? Navigate local need over national priorities for resources. Can't separate the customer from the product. Inclusion to allow the field to participate in development of desired product. 	 level decision making. Before May 10th. The group approved moving forward. Concept #2 – approved with the understanding of a continued open dialog and input from FMB. Concept #3 – the group approved the eventual creation of a national predictive services program. PSOG to bring options/models for how this would work. FMB members to bring the topic back to their agencies for input. Possible meeting with FMB members & agency SMEs to problem solve/discuss. PSOG – will bring topics to FMB for approval as the process evolves instead of one big presentation/ask.
 Occupational Series – Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) Report: First, have the PDs complete and ready for recruiting efforts. Potential use of the crosswalk (Achziger developed) for the short term. Creation of a long term plan with IFPM group Meeting, to include SMEs, for development of long term plan options. Each bureau to send out a memo with guidance/direction. Important for everyone to be on the same page. 	Meagan to distribute the BLM cross walk to FMB as an example. Meagan/Karma – set up a meeting for the leadership & SMEs to discuss and problem solve.
 NASA Priorities List Brad sent out a survey previously to ascertain the fire agency's science and technology needs we want to prioritize. 	FMB members will take survey and distribute as appropriate to gain the information Brad needs.

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- There were no responses.	Brad will send results of the survey back
• NASA member will meet with FMB down the road.	to FMB when complete.
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Complex Incident Management – FMB Memo & IWDG Memo:	No big decisions or input is needed
• Jessi gave an overview of current status, the challenges they have been facing and indicated they are	currently but anticipate
having less pushback over time.	
• The Agency Administrators Subgroup has been very helpful with efforts. They are ready to spread the	
message but would like some clarification & support from leadership to move forward. Would really	
love constructive feedback.	
 Possibly include a cover memo from FMB? 	
• Need to determine a timeline for full implementation (include the intention of leadership to remain	
flexible as needs evolve and situations change – don't want to freak people out).	
Possibility for both Secretaries to speak out regarding CIM but to also include topics such as pay	
incentives, mental health and other front line issues facing the wildland fire community.	
FMB Program of Work:	
• Items to be included as year long topics of focus – still incorporating ongoing needs & discussion	
items related to wildland fire. - CIM/IWDG	
- CIM/IWDG - New Series/IFPM	
- New Series/IFFM - PSOG	
 Workforce Development – current, the National Training Officer's group was approved & 	
funded. BIA performed a gap analyses, how to use the tools moving, etc. Moving forward, will	
need to check in with them, get status reports and timeframes.	
 Health & Well-being – A lot of information was shared at the recent mental health summit. 	
Kaili and the current group working on the subject are sorting through all the information to	
develop future plans. Future discussion to include: what part FMB will play moving forward,	
who and how is the group reporting, who is the parent organization, etc. Kaili will bring back to	
the group down the road when decisions and input are needed.	