



PREDICTIVE SERVICES OVERSIGHT GROUP

PSOG NOTES

February 11, 2022

1000-1200

Attendees:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair: Hartman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FMB: Fisher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NMAC: McDonald
<input type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CGAC: Nuttall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GACC CM: Ellsworth, Tomaselli
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Management: Achziger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OWF: Fallon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PD Met: Nauslar
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PD FA: Gardunio	<input type="checkbox"/> PD Intel:	<input type="checkbox"/> NWS:
<input type="checkbox"/> Science Advisor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facilitator: Watts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Note-taker: Sandoval
Additional Attendees: Heidi Strader, Charles Maxwell, Shelby Law		

Agenda

Draft Proposal

26 Jan Notes

3 Feb Notes

Intent:

Short-term 7-Day Significant Fire Potential product

Long-term 7-Day Significant Fire Potential product

Schedule:

Next meeting: 25 Feb 1000-1200 MST – Derrek will send invites

PSOG input to FMB on 16 Feb

Proposal:

Re-cap of issues/solutions

GACC-specific plans

GACC-specific needs

Consolidated staffing needs

Additional Issues

Discussion:

PL4/5 at multiple GACCs – what does that do to us?

-if we are here in April/May, we’re going to have issues—might impact the plan

-will SW have to bring back Chuck if they hit PL4/5 before May?

-need to build capacity behind Chuck to support the SW while Chuck works on bigger picture

Contracting options

-in order to assist with this, needs specific level of knowledge/expertise/skillset that is just hard to find

-would take as long or longer just to get them trained up, have tapped the well

-current plan leverages all of our available talent

-anything beyond the plan to be ready by May is mid-to-long-term solutions and we really need to be looking at permanent positions. Contracting is for short-term and we’ve go a plan to solve it without contracting.

-could data scientists/programmers help sustain us over the summer to fix broken code?

-no one to train them as they will be focused on short-term fixes





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Part II – other concerns

- does not fix systemic issues in the fire monitoring system

- 7-day is one component of this issue—most people do not realize that this is a bigger issue – need to make that clear. What could we do? Would the long-term solution address the ancillary issues?

- Fire Danger Sub-committee needs to be involved in the holistic management and fix for this system. Need a broad audience to solve the bigger issue.

How is this messaged/sold?

- need to focus on staffing to make sure in the future, we have capacity to fix issues to avoid this later on

If PSOG supports this proposal – FMBs role is to determine support for it for the short-term and is supported and socialized at the national level

FMB commitment to support with funding will be integral

If we want legitimate data, we need to invest in a long-term solution

While we don't have the roadmap for longterm, but we are socializing the need.

Need to portray that this ask is foundational to our business—making fire resource decisions based on faulty data should not happen and we need the budget to fix it.

PSOG approves short-term proposal as written to go to FMB as well as discussion on need for long-term resolution.

Clean version of charter will come out soon.

NWCG Site: Derrek is working to get site updated with PSOG stuff

FireNet: (for internal documents—Derrek is the owner)

Share your FireNet account with Derrek if you have one.

