



PREDICTIVE SERVICES OVERSIGHT GROUP

PSOG NOTES

April 21, 2023

1200-1330

Attendees:

<input type="checkbox"/> Facilitator:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair/NICC: Hartman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NMAC: Fransted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair/GACC: Tomaselli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CGAC: Nuttall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Management: Achziger
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Management: Hinckley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OWF: Fallon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FMB: Russell
<input type="checkbox"/> PS FA: Gardunio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS Intel: SeLegue	<input type="checkbox"/> PS Met: Strader
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LTP: Nauslar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admin: Johnston	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Attendees: Cheryl Bright, Chuck Maxwell, Robyn Heffernan

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
Review of LTP Presentation to FMB	Derrek/Nick/Cheryl/Chuck/Jason/NWS	Information
LTP Presentation Discussion	All	Discussion
LTP Next Steps	Nick/Derrek	Discussion
Bin Items	All	Discussion

Schedule:

NEXT MEETING: April 28, 2023, 1200-1330

Agenda:

1. LTP Presentation to FMB

Combined the 14 concepts into 3 larger concept “buckets” for discussion.

Concept 1 - NFEC was supported 100% by FMB.

Science, Data and Technology workgroup was briefed after the FMB presentation by Robyn who has taken on the NFEC concept build out. Chris Wilcox will take the Commission’s verbiage back to FMB from the changes already made.

A majority of working on the NFEC implementation will be completed at the FMB level while communicating with the SMEs rather than tasking the entire concept back to PSOG.

PSOG will now have a standard meeting with FMB each month for continued discussion, support, and direction in moving forward with the LTP implementation.

Concepts 2-6, 8, and 9 – These include most of the bill concepts that were identified and supported by FMB.

Most of the ideas presented through these concepts have been identified in previous briefings (2017).

Concept Group 2 – Fully supported by FMB.

These concepts will require extensive work at higher levels to be fulfilled.

Concepts 7, 10-14 – FMB’s decision is to create a national program.

This will be a top-down program from the national office to the GACC and local centers to ensure standards are met nationally for the best program working together at all levels.

The next step is to begin providing options and scalability to FMB. This should include what the full sweep should look like and what can be done now.





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This does not need to be a full comprehensive plan given to FMB in the next 6 months. FMB can be presented with small pieces presented at a time for progressive fixes.

2. LTP Presentation Discussion

PSOG is an important entity and Predictive Services are vital to fire management.

The minimum goal is to have no net loss of service and see improvement of service and production in the future.

PSOG agreed to 14 concepts as they were written and presented internally. Did FMB get more information than was agreed upon? If not, where did their decision and discussion for a national program come from?

FMB has been looking at past reports from 2017 and 2022 outlining concerns that are still present 20+ years later.

PSOG representatives presented the 14 concepts as the most agreement PSOG as a group can come to and asked FMB to provide direction. FMB decided on a national program tasking PSOG to come up with options and scalability.

FMB liaison was led to believe that FMB members had communicated extensively with their represented groups and each other before the meeting though it appears few represented groups were consulted or asked if they supported a national program.

Ultimately, the concept of a national program is a correct approach.

FMB has given the sideboards in deciding on a national program but PSOG as the SMEs will need to decide what "national program" means, what it looks like, and how the support goes through all levels including down to the local.

A national program can maintain focus on keeping people safe on the ground at all levels from local centers up to NMAC prioritization creating continuity from the bottom all the way up for support and decision making.

SW coordination group and center manager has been tasked with trying to fulfill PS needs of their center to counter next year's expected full degradation of services.

This new information and the decision of a national program is a key point that should be shared quickly to avoid centers completing redundant work that the national program may immediately replace.

As PSOG comes up with and works through options, changes can be made to build the final product as intended. If the implemented idea isn't quite right, the AAR will show the things that need to be updated.

The LTP will continue to be a major standing agenda item for FMB working with the SMEs (PSOG) to get the PS program done right prompting monthly meetings with PSOG.

Chuck Russell will talk to FMB admin for notes and create a briefing paper explaining the decision, so a clear, singular message gets sent out.

3. LTP Next Steps

Many of these are still collateral duties for most members and fire season will pose additional hurdles in creating a variety of options with scalability for FMB.

Framing up the national PS program will be key, and SMEs should anchor off and manipulate the current LTP document to meet FMB's new request.

FMB doesn't want to see basic proposals for adding a few positions through the tiers. FMB is aiming for a major program change and a schematic game plan.

The LTP framework has been sent out and socialized though some of the topics will need to be put out there again, knowing they are more controversial than others.





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Rather than focusing on the entire program at once, PSOG needs to work through one piece at a time, taking them to FMB monthly and getting things done from there.

Topics and ideas for which there is true disagreement should be presented to FMB for final decision.

Ideas need to be circulated through the broader community for due diligence and feedback purposes before being taken to FMB.

Many difficult conversations will need to happen and while there may be differing opinions within PSOG, it will be important to present decisions to FMB and other groups as PSOG ideas.

There is some concern that options will be chosen based on lowest cost every time, so a strong case needs to be made for funds to be expended on predictive services over other items by offering good operational options.

On the funding side, some of the proposal items could fit well within the “gray area” of the 2024 fiscal year request.

Propose to meet every Friday and strategically decide on prioritization.

- Support

- In person meeting May 23 & 24

Begin with the topics/concepts that there has already been some consensus on.

SMEs discussed starting with Bucket Concept 2 since many of those things are bigger than PSOG, Predictive Services, are happening without PSOG and won't need as much socialization.

Less controversial topics could be drawn up by SMEs and circulated via email for feedback and review before being finalized and sent to Chuck Russell.

4. Bin Items

The Intel Charter is up, and Intel should start being more included as well as other Predictive Services groups.

Will begin posting PSOG documents on the NWCG website.

Tomaselli will send out Intel Charter for review.

Nominate and vote on co-chair at next meeting.

5. Roundtable Discussion

Phillip – Unable to make meeting in person but will provide any support he can.

Jim – Will be stepping down from PSOG and is currently working with NCCM to identify a new rep. Pacific Southwest has been working on dashboards and other products. Jennifer has been working with NASA and NOAA.

Jennifer – Planning Section Chief perspective may be helpful. Unable to be at next meeting.

Eric – Continue to bite off small pieces at a time.

Billy –NTR

Brian –NTR

Jake –NTR

Jason –NTR

Shawn –NTR

Nick –NTR

Derrek –NTR