



PREDICTIVE SERVICES OVERSIGHT GROUP

PSOG NOTES

October 13, 2023

1300-1500

Attendees:

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

Additional Attendees: Marco Perea

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
FMB Update	Derrek/Jason	Information
December NCCM/PS Meeting	Derrek	Discussion
Housekeeping	All	Discussion

Schedule:

NEXT MEETING: November 3, 2023, 1300-1500

Agenda:

FMB Update

FMB is diving into Bucket 2 and looking at two 120-day details for the proposed Fire Danger Specialist and Fire Environment Standards Specialist.

One position would be under NICC Center Manager while the other would be in OWF with Rochelle Peterson though there isn't agency sponsorship for either yet.

FMB attempted numerous times to have a lengthier meeting, but there were several delays due to a high volume of high priority topics over the past couple of months including the shutdown potential.

FMB discussed the 120 details but is also considering funding mechanisms for NTEs and will be considering funding several other positions.

The need for additional positions was strongly emphasized and FMB understands the importance.

Fallon is gathering information on the financial side and will be coming back with questions in the next few weeks to initiate a more fluid conversation between FMB and PSOG as the positions move forward.

These are all important fundamental changes that need to be done right rather than treating it like a project with potential missteps.

The two fundamental problems are on the data management side and whether we adequately capture and present fire danger potential. The interconnection seems to be an area where we need additional focus which is why these two positions were selected first.

Agree with the fire environment side being the start and other areas following from there.





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Has FMB discussed previous request for Advisory Board, maintaining RAWs at same standards, etc. as there have been several agencies waiting to enact their own plans? There has been some discussion among FMB, but they haven't come to a decision yet regarding the STP parts.

FMB will meet again in November.

December Meeting

Request PSOG members attend the NCCM/PS meeting in December.

Fire Managers should be there to hear from the PS folks and get an idea of what is going on in the program.

At NCCM/PS joint meeting, it's difficult for center managers to participate and hear all the PS meeting topics.

Should further discuss PS having their own annual meeting separate from the NCCM meeting to encourage greater center manager participation.

Derrek will bring up the handbook and other possible program options at the next NCCM meeting.

One of the reasons a joint meeting was initially created was to bring understanding between the groups and try to push more standardization while leadership could provide support.

With a separate meeting, PS would still be invited to the NCCM meeting to report out but then have their own meeting during which they would be uninhibited and have more time for their own topics.

For the longest time, PS had to brand themselves to get the acknowledgement, so the greater group understood who they were and what they did. We don't want to backtrack any of that progress.

Housekeeping

Is there other work that PSOG could be working through this winter?

Discuss how PSOG should proceed during the January face to face meeting.

Discuss how to get on a year-round cycle to not find PSOG in the lulls.

Will elect a new chair in January.

Derrek still needs to sign the PS Handbook and would like to discuss how to enforce it.

Perhaps PSOG should make a recommendation to this year's Red Book iteration outlining the expectation for using the PS Handbook.

Request FMB discuss the implementation and enforcement of the PS Handbook.

Should there be other nuclear options discussed in the chance that Bucket 2 isn't implemented?

Some of the enforcement is difficult when centers don't have the appropriate staffing or expertise needed.

There will always be something in the way of progress, but if the intent is there and leadership has put forth the expectation, it shouldn't keep everyone from trying to do the right thing.

Upcoming

Meet on November 3 to revisit language in the Red Book and enforcing the PS Handbook.

Meet on November 17 for FMB update from Jason.

Request as many people make it to the Big 5 entity meeting in January.

Start drafting agenda topics for January face to face meeting in Denver.