



PREDICTIVE SERVICES OVERSIGHT GROUP

PSOG NOTES

November 3, 2023

1300-1500

Attendees:

<input type="checkbox"/> Facilitator:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair/NICC: Hartman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NMAC: Mcdonald
<input type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair/ Fire Management: Hinckley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CGAC: Nuttall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Management: Achziger
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GACC: Tomaselli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OWF: Majewski	<input type="checkbox"/> FMB: Fallon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS FA: Gardunio	<input 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: Craig Glazier

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
FMB Recap	Hartman/Nauslar	Information
PS Handbook	Hartman	Discussion
FEMS	Strader	Discussion

Schedule:

NEXT MEETING: December 1, 2023, 1300-1500

Agenda:

FMB Recap

FMB is looking to fill one or two of the proposed Bucket 2 positions, looking at options for either 120-day details or NTEs.

They are still working through which positions and where they would sit.

There hasn't been any communication with FMB since October's meeting and discussion but FMB is working through many projects.

The NICC has asked its BOD for additional PS positions as well.

It's a bit of a blow having FMB decide to simply work on a couple of details as there has been a ton of work put into the LTP that is now being delayed.

If FMB doesn't agree with PSOG's recommendations, they need to let us know so we can.

Jake will follow-up with his FMB representative.

The trade-offs need to be identified for what things will look like if FMB grants the positions as well as if they don't and where funding goes.

OWF will be looking at funding to meet the needs of PS in the short term while continuing to discuss long term plans.

FMB will be revisiting the detailed positions at their meeting this month and are working on things deliberatively.

FMB is also being deliberate in looking at a potential re-organization of PS and want to make sure things are correct before moving forward.

There may be pressure coming through other agency channels after the Fire Environment Committee met and discussed national PS needs.





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Could GACC center managers use their funding for dispatch positions to fill needed PS positions instead?

PS position duties will get much better if Bucket 2 positions are filled.

Is there a way for the NICC to assist in tackling Bucket 2 positions rather than filling another dispatch position?

It will vary GACC to GACC in creating or shifting positions for PS as some don't feel they need additional staff and others are in great need.

PS Handbook

PS Handbook hasn't yet been signed as we aren't sure how it will be enforced.

Having the handbook available to be used as a guideline would be beneficial for new folks to reference.

The enforcement is something that should be looked at moving forward but many new staff across the country have asked for a tool.

FMB representatives thought it was appropriate that the PSOG chair signs the Handbook but will follow-up with FMB.

If PSOG sees extreme deviations from the handbook, PSOG is the group to hold people accountable.

Derrek will work with Megan Kephart to get the handbook posted.

National Center Manager Meeting

The annual NCCM and PS meeting will be in Phoenix December 5-7 for all who would like to attend.

FEMS

National Fuel Moisture Database currently is functioning as it should.

Data can be viewed but new data cannot be added.

FEMS has stepped back but we need to make sure we don't lose sight of this tool.

The decision was made this week to add NFMD back into FEMS and is a priority for functionality Spring 2024.

How do center managers ensure each of their forests/units are inputting their information as they should? No one will be accountable for the past 2-3 years of data due to the issues with the program,.