

NWCG Fire Analysis Subcommittee (FASC) Meeting

Wed July 15, 2026

Members in Attendance:

- Ben Bartos, NWS, AK
- Steve Stolze, NASA rep in AL, meteorology background
- Jason Braunstein, VA Dept of Forestry, our Liaison from the Fire Planning Management Committee
- Sarah Lee, our interim Coordinator, usually Deputy Program Manager for NWCG but detailed NWCG Program Manager
- Chris Moore, Chair, Predictive Services Analyst, DOI/PNW
- Tonja Opperman, Vice Chair, Fire Analyst, USFS/Great Basin

Not in Attendance:

- David Greathouse, NASF primary
- Dan Jimenez, SME from Firelab
- Ryan Leach, NWS Alternative
- Nate Perrine (Reeve Armstrong, DOI Alternate took a new job and resigned, but Nate Perrine will be the representative)
- Rocco Snart, NASF CO
- Nicole Vaillant, new job with WFS and interested but bandwidth question
- Kevin Heirs, DOW

Notes:

- Fire Analysis Subcommittee's new website is up. There are links to legacy info under "Archived."
- S-290, S-390, and S-490: We need to go over these courses and the feedback to fix any errors. S-290 is primary, and then the others if there's time. S-390 does not have much feedback, and S-490 has a dedicated committee.
- FBFRG: The final review is completed. In the winter, we need to review the content for pertinent info (ISAP? Risk? GIS? WFDSS? Vectoring?).
- NIFC AGOL Analysts reference was sent out and posted to FireNet. Chris can edit some things but not all. Send changes to him as needed.
- ICS-209 Form: Do we need to change the Fuel Models selections? A topic for fall.

- IRPG: Keep tracking of the IRPG for the NWCG Publications PMS 461 page. There is no status/link as a “Notice for change” but they wait until they have feedback. Next revision planned for 2029. NWCG sends info to the chair if revision/clarification needed. Requires collaboration with other subcommittees. We do have a “Fire Environment” section. There might be some feedback for us about night RH/fuels tables for the next one. No action needed.
- Fall in person meeting invite was sent out and is still on our agenda; revisit this at September meeting.

Next meeting: September (August was canceled)