

## NWCG Fire Environment Committee

Date: 22 October 2025

Attendees:

- Nick Nauslar
- Dave Schultz
- Chris Moore
- Robert Clarke
- Jim Wallman
- Billy Gardunio
- Darren Clabo
- Wes Hall
- Kevin Hiers

## Agenda

- **FBAN/LTAN IPTM**
  - Nick presented a couple weeks ago, no required training for 310-1, went through IPSC, agency did vetting, paperwork signed, changes will be reflected in 2026. Spurred a lot of discussion, wanted to make sure that recommended training is not confused with required training, if feel strongly, as SMEs should put that forward. RAWs course non-NWCG, other non-NWCG courses in 310-1, will lead to more discussion down the road. Thanks to FBSC
- **S-290 memo**
  - Nick sharing memo, new S-290 will be the sole one to take starting in February. COMET version will get disclaimers/no credit note, link to WFLP added. If going to be IMET, now must take blended course (online/in-person), then 390. For fire weather forecasters, just online component required of new version after Jan 31 2026. But for NWCG positions, must take new S-290 (save certs from old 290 etc as these will count).
  - Chris: COMET version will stay up? All NWCG branding removed etc. How will this affect ARAs? ARAs will take non-sanctioned version (strictly online).
- **SSD memo**
  - Kevin additions shown
  - Dave: is it a needed statement? But no issues from NWCG.
  - Nick will work this in, re-send around before shipping out.
- **S-390/490**
  - 390 status (Chris): NWCG fixed some vague questions, Dave to turn over certification sheet to get signed by Colby and the exec board chair, then will be good to go and go live. Did have convo with NWCG about Behave 7.1 (runs in web browser)
  - 490 test course in Tuscon, only issue is 7.0 bugs in Behave, if all else fails go back to 6 Plus. Outcome will be known next week. 490 on track to be certified in December, but depends how much comes back from test course.

- 290 version was really good, but instructor led version needs some additional material.
- **FBFRG**
  - Due to Chris by, at the latest, November 15 2025! Make all edits to PMS 437-1 word version, use track changes. There is a process of editing/pdf/updates that Nick explained. Do what you can do with the time that you have.
  - Chris, how to deal with links: some might be broken/break? Dave: big part of 3 month turnaround is this is big time of year for updates in publications (1 person doing all of this).
  - Travis: serviceable plan, lots of refs in there that need to be stripped out (e.g., refs to WIMS/WFDAS). Plan is to strip as much out as can this go around, work to build up documentation, lots of moving pieces.
- **Fire Danger Subcommittee**
  - Travis: Bumped meeting along due to time constraints
- **FEMS/WIMS Transition**
  - Oct 1, it happened...some alternate gateway stations were lost at state level. Is not an easy process but working on it. NWS public comment period ends in two weeks regarding discontinuation of WIMS, mostly satisfied heartburn, 400+ products being generated off WIMS. Some things broke, still a dynamic situation. Travis: a lot of work still to do on many aspects, focus is on what do we want this data to say/show? Speaks to standards but also other things that folks have struggled with. Suggest to “keep expectations limited” in short term. Nick: still not out of the woods yet, budget/staffing has brought issues. Travis: using gridded products to gap fill. Want to identify common problems, find common solutions.
- **Round Robin:**
  - Smoke: none
  - Fire behavior/Dave: editing of FBFRG will be virtual due to shutdown
  - NWCG/Dave: none, keep work going since not sure when restructuring will take place. What this will look like, a lot of this will be figured out through conversations with chairs/agencies (what committees, subcommittees, subgroups,etc). Goal is to have rosters figured out soon, full implementation may be around July, tons of work in the next 6 months to dial everything in, from websites to SOPs.
  - Fire Weather/Darren: Met last week, talked about FBFRG: discontinuity between spatial/temporal resolution. Will focus on stability section now, remove Haines references especially. Removing LAL/Haines from all products, will be working on that. Normal meeting next month.
  - DoD/Kevin: Air Force/Navy discussion on fire weather, may be worth building relationships there on a few fronts regarding data/obs
  - States: none
  - Continuing Ed/Wes: Majority of folks on subcommittee are furloughed, so no recent/upcoming meetings. 437-1 update will be main thing, made

substantial changes to doc already. May Fire Behavior workshop in progress.

- Predictive Services/Billy: PSOG call this afternoon, no updates. National PS meeting will be first full week in Las Vegas