

FMB Members in Attendance: Sarah Fisher (USFS), Aaron Baldwin (BIA), Jason Fallon (NPS), Meagan Conry (BLM), Aitor Bidaburu (USFS/FEMA),

Staff: Karma Hope (Executive Secretary)

Guests: Adam Mendoca, Marlene Eno-Hendren, Jesse Bender

FMB 2024 Topics of Focus

- IWDG
- IFPM
- PSOG
- Workforce Development
- Health & Wellbeing

Topic & Notes	Decision
<p>FMB CIM Implementation Memo This topic was addressed at the NWCG Joint Session the day before.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher level of governance should endorse. The memo will come from FEC. • Not a ‘what is CIM’ memo. This is what was accomplished in 2022/2023 – here is what we intend for 2024. • Leader’s intent message, not addressing technical questions. • Update original FEC memo – who was assigned which tasks, what was accomplished, what still needs to happen. • Big changes in FF health – acknowledge what has developed and focus on priorities for 2024. 	<p>Jesse Bender will update/reframe the original FEC memo (early next week).</p> <p>Sarah Fisher will report out at the next FEC meeting to let them know what is coming.</p> <p>Target for release – early Feb.</p>
<p>2024 Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations Edits – length of assignment, off-site/remote assignments vs virtual assignments</p> <p>Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations Group Charter Change – the red book is now in electronic format and will no longer be distributed in paper form.</p> <p>Discussion –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the red book? Is it policy or guidance? • It’s a compilation of policy from different entities. 	<p>FMB approved all edits/changes.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group consensus was that it is more of a formal handbook. The location where actual policy can be referenced. Guidance on how policy can be implemented. Agencies may handle it differently. 	
<p>PSOG – NTE Discussion</p> <p>Group consensus to move forward with the top three identified positions with the hope of funding the remaining positions in the near future. Hoping to fund for three years with the possibility of becoming permanent.</p> <p>BIL funds are available. The funding approval process will start with the monitoring and detection group, then the fire directors, then FMB and finally IFEC.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSOG is losing members. Need a plan for refilling those positions. Important to have all agencies involved with a representative from each entity? PSOG handbook – getting push back from the field. Concern regarding going through the effort if it isn’t going to be utilized. Possible need to communicate ‘why’ the handbook is important in order to increase field compliance. PSOG will discuss at their upcoming face to face meeting. Concern regarding the need to keep the science component connected to the operations level. Duplication in efforts and tools/systems. Lack of communication between different groups. Potential need for a higher level governance framework. The higher level governance/oversight group would determine which tools/systems are actually needed. Develop standards and policy with a more integrated approach. The right people (ad hoc group) are already in the room and having these discussions but need the appropriate title/authority to make progress. PSOG possibly an advisory group. There is a need to be sensitive – don’t want to minimize the efforts of PSOG or hurt feelings. FMB doesn’t have all the answers yet but supports the premise. 	<p>Meagan Conry – will reach out to Tami DeFries on next steps to secure the funding.</p> <p>Jason Fallon – create a list of bullet points regarding the intent and goals of this potential oversight group. Will also work to develop a title for this group.</p> <p>Sarah Fisher – will inform FEC using the information from Jason’s bullet points.</p>
<p>Learning Portal Discussion</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is it in line with why it was started to begin with? Has it taken on a life of it’s own and become disconnected from the fire program needs? Has the scope broadened beyond the initial needs it was create for? 	<p>Garth Fisher and Rick Gividen will give FMB a presentation at the March FMB meeting. Group will continue this conversation at that point.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are there potential unintended consequences?• Is the architecture of how it was built sufficient for future growth and development?• What is the current \$ investment and does it make sense to continue to be fire funded?	FMB will discuss with agencies and provide feedback per Kelly Wood's request.