



Fire Management Board

FMB Memorandum No. 16-009

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TO: FMB Executive Board Members
FROM: Larry Sutton, Chair, Fire Management Board
SUBJECT: Fire Reporting Investment Decisions

Purpose: The purpose of this memorandum is to communicate and clarify recent investment decisions made by the Fire Management Board (FMB) concerning applications which support fire reporting. Please distribute this information as appropriate.

Decisions: The vision of FMB for representing wildland fire activity is: one event, one report, one authoritative data source. This includes incident response (fire and all-hazard) and fuels treatment activities. This vision reinforces an identified need for a data repository supporting these activities and eventually enabling more efficient interagency fire reporting.

Based on consultation with the NWCG Fire Reporting Subcommittee (FRSC), no further work will be completed to integrate existing incident data through IRWIN with WFMI, given the expense and effort necessary. We apologize for the known inconvenience this may cause, but committing personnel time and funds on this effort is not effective.

The intent is to move forward with development of data repository capabilities as a high priority for the Program Board and FMB, anticipating an environment by late FY18 that would allow for implementation of FORApp or some other application with the appropriate fire reporting capabilities.

To achieve this vision, FMB is requesting the FRSC provide capability requirements for fire reporting that would meet the needs of all bureaus and agencies (see attachment).

Questions can be directed to Larry Sutton, FMB Chair, lsutton@fs.fed.us; Dick Bahr, Deputy Director - DOI Office of Wildland Fire, Richard_bahr@ios.doi.gov; Lisa Elenz, Forest Service, Assistant Director – Capabilities, Development & Integration, lelenz@fs.fed.us.

Attachment 1: FMB Memo No. 16-008 Capability Requirements for Fire Reporting

cc: Steve Manthei (WFIT Program Manager); Rhonda Toronto (Chair, Program Board), Roshelle Pederson (Chair, Emerging Technology Group), Sean Cross (NWCG Program Manager), Roshelle Pederson (Chair, Data Management Committee), Dianna Sampson (Chair, Fire Reporting Subcommittee)