Fire Management Board FMB Meeting Notes October 19, 2022

FMB Members in Attendance: Aitor Bidaburu (USFA), Shawn Nagle (NPS), Meagan Conry (BLM), Sarah Fisher (USFS), Brad Koeckeritz (OAS), Stephen Nelson (USFS), Aaron Baldwin (BIA), Jill (FWS), Dave Haston (USFS), Erin Horsburgh-Chair (OWF)

Staff: Tim Blake (FMB Facilitator), Darci Drinkwater (Executive Secretary)

Guests: Garth Fisher (WFLP), Jeff Arnberger (WFLP), Rick Gividen (WFLP), Jackie Martin (BIA), Jim Karels (NASF)

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Learning Management Systems (LMS) Funding Request: Request started as a combined ask from LMS and National Training Officers (NTOs) for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding. Need to refresh Operating Plan with current and expected needs. Differentiate between what should be housed on WFLP versus DOI Talent or AgLearn. Revamp standard operating procedures (SOPs). Add language regarding the process for priority setting. WFLP Funding Request: WFLP does not have the capacity to sustain. Requesting NWCG EB and FMB support to the National Training Officers (NTO) BIL requests for funding to increase needed WFLP and instructional support. Exponential growth: Use to plan, develop, and deliver training and education. Support requests for development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of courses delivered via distance learning. Opportunities to use new instructional technologies to support wildland fire program managers, course developers, faculty, and students. Growth has resulted in need for increased staffing/funding to meet support requirements from both USFS and DOI. These are training and education support requirements outside of the NWCG incident qualification courses. Over 30,000 new users over the past year. Close to 3,000 instances of help provided. Funding split: USFS - \$650,401 and DOI- \$481,920. Four NTE positions funded by the USFS.	APPROVAL to move request to IFEC.

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 USFS plans to contract for services not inherently governmental in lieu of filling these positions. Benefit to the larger Wildland Fire Community: Increased user support, developer training, platform hosting, configuration support. Competency configuration instructional design, educational assessment. BIL funding needs to be obligated in five years. Need to build in funding for a long-term plan. Cost avoidance with online courses instead of traditional courses. 	
 CIM AAR - Discussion: Fire Directors need to have a broader conversation regarding incident typing. ○ Don't feel that Incident Position and Standards Committee (IPSC) is ready to tackle incident typing currently. ○ Need understanding on the ramifications for Agency Administers (AAs), Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WDFSS), and FEMA grants for states and locals. ○ Need to provide clear intent for IPSC's meeting next week. Team and position typing is more concerning for states and locals than incident typing. NWCG EB clarified the ISPC tasking at the October NWCG Executive Board (EB) meeting and will brief IPSC. ○ Request that IPSC look at options and provide recommendations on what incident typing could look like. The incident typing discussion needs organized. ○ Pros/cons and a document to communicate from. IPSC and Incident Workforce Development Group (IWDG) both meet in Boise next week. ○ FMB will connect with IWDG, IPSC and McDonald NWCG EB Chair to evaluate who should look at incident typing with regards to Complex Incident Management (CIM).	N/A
Type 1 UAS Contract:	N/A
 Current contract is expiring. Working on new robust contract with greater capabilities. 	