

**FMB Members in Attendance:** Chris Wilcox (NPS), Ken Schmid (BLM), Sarah Fisher (USFS), Brad Koeckeritz (OAS), Aaron Baldwin (BIA), Ed Christopher (FWS), Jason Fallon (acting for OWF), Stephen Nelson (USFS IT)

**Staff:** Karma Hope (Executive Secretary)

**Guests:** Jeff Arnberger, Michael Ellsworth

**FMB 2023 Topics of Focus**

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

Topic & Notes	Decision
<p><b>FMB Chair/Facilitator Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitator discussion tabled for the June FMB meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>Group consensus – swap FWS &amp; USFS in the rotation, making Sarah Fisher the chair for 23/24 with FWS to chair in 25/26. Once the FWS Fire Chief is hired permanently, that individual will become the Vice-Chair for 23/24.</p>
<p><b>Workforce Development – WF Apprenticeship/Pathways BIL Funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 mil of BIL funding to be split evenly between the DOI fire programs.</li> <li>• NPS, BIA, FWS plan to use funds for the apprenticeship program. BLM is heading in the pathways/intern direction.</li> </ul>	<p>FMB gave support to move forward with the plan.</p>
<p><b>PSOG Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Derek Hartman updated PSOG regarding FMB’s decision to move toward a national level program.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Responses varied from very supportive to some pushback against the idea.</li> <li>- PSOG is having a F2F meeting next week at NIFC. This topic will be re-addressed with the intent to work through perceived issues and begin ironing out what a national level program will look like.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Group felt it would be helpful for FMB to distribute a clarifying memo to PSOG expressing the expectations for a national level program.</p> <p><b>**Chris to draft the memo. – after a clarifying conversation, Chris decided no memo was needed.</b></p>



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<p><b>IFPM – Short-term Crosswalk &amp; Long-term Changes based on the IFPM Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on the short-term crosswalk topic was stilted without Meagan there to drive the topic. Was tabled for the June FMB meeting.</li> <li>• The IFPM working group presented FMB with a report in 2021. Group discussed the applicability of the report with current conditions and whether a new one should be requested. There are new players in the current group compared to when the report was delivered.</li> </ul>	<p>FMB ‘accepted’ the report in 2021 so it was decided that the report should be evaluated as is and feedback delivered to the current IFPM working group.</p> <p>** FMB to read/review the report before the June meeting (under pain of death!)</p>
<p><b>NASA Priorities List</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is important the bureaus respond to the survey to assist in informing the needs of the field and potential directions for the Science Data and Technology to focus on.</li> <li>• Eventually this information moves on to Congress for budget decision making.</li> </ul>	<p>FMB members who have not taken the survey <b>will take</b> the survey before the June meeting.</p> <p>Brad will send results of the survey back to FMB when complete.</p>
<p><b>Drone Responders – Red Flag Initiative:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brad updated FMB on the FAA red flag initiative – to be implemented on June 9, 2023.</li> <li>• Points of discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will affect anyone with potential WF interest (states, local units, utility companies, etc.).</li> <li>- FAA doesn’t fully understand the innate risks this policy could create.</li> <li>- The current model has no communication line of authority – first entity to request will have sole access to airspace.</li> <li>- Will seriously impact SAR, law enforcement, etc. Fire programs should be having these same conversations with counterparts.</li> <li>- Best possible way to impact FAA decision is an influx of letters alerting them to the pitfalls of this policy.</li> <li>- FMB members to take this topic back to their agencies to create more avenues for dissenting letters, i.e. aviation programs, law enforcement, state/unit fire programs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>*** The UAS bill is circulating. If it passes, it will allow for WF &amp; SAR to purchase UASs through any distributor.</p>	<p>Brad will provide some talking points for FMB (to be shared with other entities as needed) in order to inform letters of protest.</p> <p>FMB to draft a memo to FAA (Brad will draft?)</p>
<p><b>CIM Memo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has been drafted and is ready for signatures.</li> <li>• Potential FEC cover memo? This topic is on the FEC agenda for Friday, 5/19/2023.</li> </ul>	<p>Karma will route for signatures.</p>

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