

**FMB Members in Attendance:** Adam Mendoca (USFS), Reeve Armstrong (BIA), Jason Fallon (NPS), Bodie Ronk (BLM), Jolie Pollet (OWF), Ed Christopher (FWS)

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

**Guests:** Kat Navarro, Kyle Cowan, Steve Shaw

**FMB 2024 Topics of Focus**

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

Topic & Notes	Decision
<p><b>MPHAT Research Proposal Update</b>            Kat Navarro gave a progress report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They chose a pilot project – Chronic health/exposure issues study, Ohio State University, 3-year study, 65 wildland firefighters.</li> <li>• They used the form/process for requesting approval. It all went smoothly.</li> <li>• Will be a pre-season/post-season evaluation.</li> <li>• Will include an intervention arm of the study and provide risk mitigation recommendations.</li> <li>• Funded by a NIOSH external research grant.</li> </ul>	<p>Kat has a finalized the form and was asking for an FMB authorization memo for the request process. The intent is to send out a larger request in April.</p> <p>FMB gave group approval.</p> <p>Ed Christopher will sign memo.</p>
<p><b>PSOG NTE Update</b>            Jason Fallon reported current progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The monitoring/detection group and the fire directors all gave their support and it was approved at IFEC.</li> <li>• PSOG is concerned about the lack of intel and asked about adding or changing a position. They were told no at this time.</li> </ul> <p>Governance group discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to be more function focused vs equal agency involvement. Suggested the chairs of the various related committees could form the governance group.</li> </ul>	<p>FMB agreed the vice Nick Nausler position should remain a 13.</p> <p>DOD and NASA are meeting about fire – Ed Christopher will report back on any developments from that meeting.</p> <p>Discussion regarding governance group will continue at the March FMB meeting.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several groups looking into this arena, would like to feed what we need from NASA (and others) vs those entities driving the agenda.</li> <li>• Main goal is to centralize decision making and reduce duplicative efforts.</li> </ul> <p>Vice Nick Nausler position discussion – graded as a 13 vs 14.</p>	
<p><b>IWDG Feedback</b> CIM Implementation Memo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was discussion about the memo being a little long/wordy but the group agreed it was good to move forward as is.</li> <li>• FMB will provide more dialed down direction after FEC signs/distributes.</li> </ul> <p>IWDG Memo – incident support capabilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FMB supports it moving forward as is.</li> <li>• Plan to make a connection with FEMA and build a bridge there. Ensure them this will not impact FEMA funding/process.</li> </ul>	<p>FMB approved both memos to move forward.</p> <p>Adam Mendoca to look into the FS side of this issue and report back.</p>
<p><b>Lesson Learned Center Feedback</b> Jason Fallon clarified the ask from Kelly Woods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LLC would like more agency involvement/participation.</li> <li>• NPS hosts the positions currently but would like other agency perspectives to weigh in.</li> <li>• Important to stay an autonomous entity but want to ensure it is driving toward needed products for the future.</li> </ul>	<p>Individual agencies will reach out to Kelly directly to discuss their specific agency perspective, desired involvement, and future needs.</p>
<p><b>IFPM Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a pause on this discussion to see how the new 0456 series would impact. There is greater flexibility with 0456 but concern regarding the need to maintain high level fire programs.</li> <li>• Multi grade hiring is a positive step for creating career ladders but there is concern about the importance of reaching the appropriate quals before upgrading to the full performance level.</li> <li>• Multi-grade announcements should lean toward using different PDs for each grade.</li> <li>• Important to have consistency across DOI.</li> <li>• The field often sees IFPM as a barrier to recruitment efforts.</li> </ul>	<p><b>FMB will review IFPM report BEFORE March meeting.</b></p> <p>This topic will be on the March FMB agenda.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Potential discussions regarding FS PDs and how they inter-relate with DOI PDs – i.e. crew leader quals, etc.</li><li>• IFPM does need an overhaul. Not everything is relevant/applicable anymore.</li><li>• Some of the IFPM standards were created as a response to tragic events. Those needed mitigations have been addressed through other avenues making some of those standards unneeded.</li></ul>	