



The National Association of State Foresters CMS-Wildland Fire Committee Meeting January 28-30, 2020 | Orlando, Florida

Breakfast will be provided each morning from 6:30 to 8:00am in the Amelia room.

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 | General Session | Room: Cypress-Sanibel

0800-0805	Welcome George Geissler, WA
0805-0815	Posting of Colors + Pledge of Allegiance + National Anthem
0815-0825	Introductions George Geissler, WA
0825-0845	2018 CMS Report Accomplishments Smith, NASF/Whitney, NASF
0845-0930	NASF Wildland Fire Information Technology Keith Smith, NASF
0930-1000	Fuels Mapping and PMs Lowell Ballard, Timmons Group
1000-1030	Break with Exhibitors
1030-1100	Florida Risk Mapping: Identifying CARs John Fish, FL
1100-1130	Wildfire Technology Act Sean Triplett, USFS
1130-1200	NWCG Data Standards and Fire Causes Rochelle Pederson, OWF
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1330	International Association of Fire Chiefs Rich Elliot, IAFC
1330-1400	U.S. Forest Service Shawna Legarza, USFS
1400-1430	Department of the Interior Jeff Rupert, DOI
1430-1500	Coalition of Prescribed Fire Councils Mark Melvin, CPFC
1500-1530	Break with Exhibitors
1530-1600	NWCG Update Smith, NASF/Bender, NWCG
1600-1630	Everybody Goes Home Tom Harbour, NFFF
1630-1700	Incident Workforce Development Group Jesse Bender, NWCG
1700-1715	Wrap-up Discussion George Geissler, WA

Wednesday, January 29, 2020 | General Session | Room: Cypress-Sanibel

0800-0815	Follow-up: Day One Discussion George Geissler, WA
0815-0915	FEMA Pre-Disaster Grant Mitigation Program Nicole LaRosa, FEMA
0915-0945	Wildland Fire Science Hall, JFSP/Steblin, USGS
0945-1000	CMS Assignments Geissler, WA/Smith, NASF
1000-1030	Break with Exhibitors

1030-1700 CMS Breakout Group Meetings | Rooms: See "Breakout Assignments"

- Documenting the Effects of Fuel Treatments on Community Wildfire Risk
- State Representation on NWCG Committees and Subgroups
- Incident Workforce Development and Staffing for Fire Year
- Strategies for Increasing the Use of Prescribed Fire

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1030-1700 **Wildland Fire Committee Meeting** | Room: Cypress-Sanibel

- 1030-1100 Legislative Update
- 1100-1130 Wildland Fire Leadership Council
- 1130-1200 Additional Agency Updates
- 1200-1300** Lunch
- 1300-1330 Complex Incident Management Course
- 1330-1400 Wildland Fire Technology
- 1400-1500 Wildland Fire Cooperative Agreements
- 1500-1530** Break with Exhibitors
- 1530-1600 Aviation
- 1600-1630 Round Robin
- 1630-1700 Next Meeting Location and Dates

Thursday, January 30, 2020 | General Session | Room: Cypress-Sanibel

- 0800-1000 **CMS Reports to Wildland Fire Committee** Group Leads
- 1000-1030** Break with Exhibitors
- 1030-1100 **Wildland Fire Committee Actions on CMS Reports**..... Geissler, WA
- 1100-1200 **Smoke Management Update**..... Pete Lahm, USFS
- 1200-1300** Lunch

1300-1700 **Regional CMS Group Meetings** | Room: Citrus Ballroom - A

1300-1700 **Cooperative Forest Fire Prevention Committee (CFFP) Meeting**
Room: Citrus Ballroom - B

- 1300-1315 Welcome and Introductions, Review Agenda
- 1315-1430 Review 2020 Nominations and Identify 2020 Awardees
- 1430-1445 Determine Awards Presentation Plan for 2020 Awards
- 1445-1500 Devise Plan for 2021 Awards Nominations Period
- 1500-1515** Break
- 1515-1700 Open Discussion re: Legalities, Campaign Strategy, and Reporter Engagement

Friday, January 31, 2020 | CFFP Meeting Continued | Room: : Citrus Ballroom - C

- 0800-0830 75th Birthday After Action Review + Mop-Up
- 0830-1030 2020 Campaign + State Foresters Store and Symbols Cache Product Previews (Ad Council, NASF, then Forest Service). Also discuss Smokey photos (FS/AC) and shareable art (group)
- 1030-1045** Break
- 1100-1120 Licensing Program (FS)
- 1120-1140 Fire prevention software + new fire cause information (FS)
- 1140-1200 Parking Lot Discussion



CMS Breakout Group Assignments

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Leads and subject matter experts (SME) have been identified for each group. CMS Chairs will assign state representatives to each group, ensuring adequate geographic representation. **Breakouts rooms will be assigned on-site.**

Each group will provide the NASF Wildland Fire Committee with: **(1)** a briefing paper, **(2)** a 30-minute-long presentation on their recommendations Thursday morning, and **(3)** a list of their top five wildland fire issues (that may or may not be related to their CMS assignment).

Documenting the Effects of Fuel Treatments on Community Wildfire Risk

Lead: Mark Standford, TX

SME: Lowell Ballard, Timmons Group

Identify measures that can be used in all three NASF regions to *quantify vegetative management work*. For the purposes of this exercise, it doesn't matter why the vegetative management occurred (to reduce fire hazard, improve forest health, etc.), because all vegetative management work will help to reduce wildfire risk.

With the appropriate measure(s) (and the appropriate data sets), we will seek to *quantify the effect of vegetative management work on community wildfire risk* at the national level.

In your briefing paper, make sure to:

- Provide lists of Risk Assessments, Fuels Hazard Maps, Burn Probability Maps/products that exist or are forthcoming that can (or should) be added to the Hazard Explorer Project. Please also provide a main point of contact for each.
- Review NWCG's common data model for fuels. Describe the pros and cons of this model.
- Describe how on the ground fuels work is prioritized. This would be helpful for the NASF Performance Measures and for SWRM efforts (Shared Stewardship).

References: NASF Performance Measures, the NASF Guide on Identifying Communities at Risk and Prioritizing Risk Reduction Projects, the existing community assessment tool/process for mapping and rating communities at risk, Utah's method of mapping fuels for their WRAP, and Long Leaf Alliance RX burn data.

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State Representation on NWCG Committees and Subgroups

Lead: Western State Fire Manager

SME: Jesse Bender, NWCG

Review current state/NASF representatives. Determine if any adjustments are needed to the number of state representatives and whether individuals need to be replaced.

Determine if current state representatives understand the expectations for representing NASF. Validate feedback and input loop through CMS, Aviation Group, and/or Incident Business Groups. Develop a statement for state representatives that communicates the expectations that come with sitting on a committee or subgroup, using NWCG standard expectations as a guide.

As state representative on the NWCG Executive Board, the NASF Fire Director coordinates with the regional CMS Groups on committee member selection. Provide recommendations for the role of the CMS Chairs and NASF Fire Director for member selection of sub committees and other sub groups.

Currently, state representatives must be NWCG committee/subgroup/course revision team members and listed on the group roster.

References: NWCG website toolbox (specifically: www.nwcg.gov/committee-roles-membership-information) and committee rosters

Incident Workforce Development and Staffing for Fire Year

Lead: Dave Celino, MA

SMEs: Jim Prevette, SGSF/James Fortner, USFS

Identify the issues state agencies face in terms of workforce development and staffing for fire year. Determine the level of regional or national support needed.

Define options/best practices for maintaining incident management capability.

Identify opportunities to utilize retirees and best practices.

Determine if this issue is connected to Incident Workforce Development Group (IWDG). Explain how master cooperative wildfire management agreements can contribute to this effort.

Examine strategies for mobilizing local resources for national mobilization – IMTs, etc. Determine what support states need to mobilize local resources through their master co-op fire agreements, e.g. staffing, credentialing, budget authorization, cash flow, etc. Identify other options or agreements for mobilizing local resources.

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Identify best practices in annual operating plans for cost sharing wildfires that originate on federal lands.

Provide recommendations for avoiding or mitigating interagency hostility when federal agencies do not suppress wildfires initially based on risk management decisions.

References: IWDG Reports/Correspondence, 2018 CMS Report on Master Agreements, USFS Correspondence on Mobilizing Local Resources, Master Cooperative Wildfire Management, and Stafford Act Response Agreement – National Template.

Strategies for Increasing the Use of Prescribed Fire

Lead: Frank Sorrells, GA

SMEs: Mark Melvin, CPFC/John Fish, FL/Rick Gillam, EPA

Provide suggestions for removing or working around barriers to RX fire.

Identify best practices for passing RX fire liability state legislation.

Provide recommendations for better supporting agencies with low staff capacity for RX fire. Determine what role (and to what effect) forest fire compacts, grants, and shared stewardship play in boosting capacity.

Identify how supplemental project agreements (via master cooperative fire agreements) can provide state assistance for federal prescribed fire and the inverse: federal assistance for state prescribed fire.

In your briefing paper, provide the CMS group's recommendation on whether to continue the Biennial RX Fire Survey and Report. If the recommendation is to continue running the survey and writing the report, determine a completion date for the next report. Determine if collecting “off year” survey data on RX burn acres only should be considered.

References: 2018 National RX Fire Survey and the Coalition of Prescribed Fire Councils website.