



National Association of State Foresters 2024 CMS-Wildland Fire Meeting

January 23-26, 2024 | Miramar Beach, Florida

Breakfast and lunch will be provided for all registered attendees
Tuesday, January 23rd through Thursday, January 25th.

The CMS-Wildland Fire meeting convenes all NASF Regional Fire Chiefs, Managers and Supervisors, the NASF Fire Committee and other cooperators/designees in order to improve collaboration, information sharing and response related to the mission of Wildland Fire Suppression and Response across the nation and the three NASF Regions.

CMS-WILDLAND FIRE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 | General Session | Room: Azalea

0800-0810	Welcome	George Geissler, NASF Committee Chair
0810-0825	Introductions	George Geissler
0825-0845	Florida Wildland Fire Program	Rick Dolan, Director of FL FS
0845-0900	2023 Fire Year Review	Greg Smith, NASF Fire Director
0900-0930	NASF Regional Accomplishments and Issues	Regional CMS Chairs
0930-1000	NASF Policy and Legislation Update ...	Robyn Whitney, NASF Policy Director
1000-1030	Break with Exhibitors	
1030-1145	Wildfire Mitigation/Mgmt Report ..	Kacey KC, NV SF & Annie Schmidt, WFC
1145-1200	Morning Session Review & Comments	George Geissler & Greg Smith
1200-1300	Lunch	
1300-1330	International Association of Fire Chiefs	Mark Novak, IAFC
1330-1400	U.S. Forest Service	Jeff Marsolais, USFS
1400-1430	Department of the Interior	Jeff Rupert, DOI
1430-1500	Cooperative Forest Fire Prevention Committee	Mandy Scott, USFS
1500-1530	Break with Exhibitors	
1530-1545	National Fire Protection Association	Megan Fitzgerald-McGowan & Michele Steinberg, NFPA
1545-1615	Wildfire Technology Update	Keith Smith, NASF Sr Dir of Fire Tech
1615-1645	Complex Incident Management Course	Greg Smith
1645-1700	Wrap Up Discussion	George Geissler

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 | General Session | Room: Azalea

0800-0815	Day One Review & Follow-up Discussion	George Geissler
0815-0845	NWCG Update/IPTM	Katherine Wood, NWCG & Toni Suminski, IPTM
0845-0915	IWDG/CIMT Updates	Jesse Bender, IWDG
0915-0930	CMS Breakout Assignments	George Geissler, Greg Smith
0930-1000	Break with Exhibitors	
1000-1700	CMS Meeting Room(s): Assigned On-Site	
1000-1030	Resource Ordering/Sharing Coordination	Greg Smith, NASF Fire Director
1030-1200	2023 Wildfire Year After Action Review	Darryl Jones, Fire Chief, South Carolina Forestry Commission
1200-1300	Lunch	
1300-1500	CMS Breakout Group Meetings: Session One	Group Leads
1500-1530	Break with Exhibitors	
1530-1700	CMS Breakout Group Meetings: Session Two	Group Leads

1000-1700	Wildland Fire Committee Meeting (CLOSED) Room: Assigned On-Site
1000-1015	Day One Follow-up/Approval of prior meeting minutes..... George Geissler
1015-1045	Wildland Fire Leadership Council (WFLC)..... Mike Zupko, Exec Direc, WFLC
1045-1200	Wildland Fire Smoke Update & Discussion..... Peter Lahm, USFS Air Resource Specialist/IVFAQRP
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1430	NASF Policy, Priorities &..... Robyn Whitney, NASF Policy Director & Commission Report Laura McCarthy, NM SF & Policy Liaison
1430-1500	Wildland Fire Interagency Aviation Strategy..... USFS Rep
1500-1530	Break with Exhibitors
1530-1600	SFA-VFA / CWDG Discussion..... Brad Simpkins, USFS Cooperative Fire & Clint Cross, USFS
1600-1700	Round Robin Discussion..... WFC Members

Thursday, January 25, 2024 | General Session | Room: Azalea

0800-1000	CMS Reports to Wildland Fire Committee (WFC)
1000-1030	WFC Discussion on CMS Reports (Committee Members Only)
1000-1100	Break with Exhibitors
1100-1145	WFC Actions on CMS Reports
1145-1200	Closing Comments + Next Meeting
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1700	Regional CMS Group Meetings Rooms: Assigned On-site

Friday, January 26, 2024 | Additional Meetings | Rooms: Assigned On-Site

0800-1200	Western State Fire Managers CMS Meeting Cont'd
0800-1200	Louisiana - 2023 After Action Fire Review (Invitation Only)
0800-1200	CFFP Meeting: Agenda Details to be Issued Separately





CMS-WFC Breakout Group Assignments

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Primary leads, secondary leads and other potential SMEs have been identified for each group. CMS Chairs will assign state representatives to each group, ensuring adequate geographic representation.

Breakout rooms will be assigned on-site. Each group will provide the NASF Wildland Fire Committee with: (1) a summary document for reference (2) a 15-minute-long presentation on their recommendations Thursday morning, and (3) a list of their top three wildland fire issues (that may or may not be related to their CMS assignment).

Wednesday, January 24th: First Session

1030-1200 Breakout #1: After Action Review of the 2023 Wildfire Season

Leads: Darryl Jones (Primary), Michael Walker, Wes Moorhead, David Celino, Matthew Polk, Michael Froelich, Gregory McLaughlin, Ron Graham

- Identify both positive and negative issues that occurred during the 2023 wildfire year. This should include resource ordering and availability, compact deployments, state-to state agreements, fire tactics, fire aviation, jurisdictional issues, safety concerns, team, crew, and personnel deployments, international wildfire response, draw down concerns, etc.
- Provide recommendations for expansion on successful issues identified.
- Recommend possible solutions to the Wildland Fire Committee on issues that need to be addressed at the senior management level.
- Provide key thoughts from respective regions or states that would improve overall response.

References: National Interagency Coordination Center annual report on wildland fire for 2023; State fire resource deployments for 2023 and other NIFC or State reports.

1300-1500 Breakout #2: Recognized Prior Learning (State Agency Use, Process & Implementation)

Leads: David Celino (Primary), Michael Froelich, Ryan Melin, Jay Wickham
SME: Jesse Bender, IWDG; Katherine Wood, NWCG

- Review RPL process and identify key examples of where States can benefit from the use of RPL process.
- Review RPL Standards and identify/develop any recommendations, systematic process, templates, or a “play book” that could streamline or help standardize the process for State use.
- Review and provide recommendations of local fire service use of the RPL standards and coordination with the State agencies.

References: PMS-309 NWCG Standards for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL); National Fire Academy (NFA) Structural Fire Skills Crosswalk; RPL processes currently under development or use by others.

1300-1500 Breakout #3: State Fire Assistance (SFA), Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) & Community Wildfire Defense Grants (CWDG) Funding Discussion

Leads: John Miller (Primary), Matt Sully, Robby Gross

SME: Brad Simpkins, USFS Cooperative Fire Program

- Review Round #2 of the CWDG process; what worked better; what still needs improved? List and provide any feedback from CMS to USFS CWDG workgroup and NASF Fire Committee
- Work on feedback, recommendations, and input into defining the term "Community" / "Community at Risk to Wildfire" for SFA/VFA/CWDG reporting purposes
- After reviewing current data sources for the SFA/VFA formulas, provide feedback to NASF Fire Committee and USFS of any recommended updates

References: SFA/VFA allocation methodology/formulas/data, etc.; CWDG grant processes and related/published documentation.

1300-1500 Breakout #4: Forest Fire Compacts & State to State Agreements

Leads: Russ Lane (Primary), Vaughn Jones, Gail Kantak

SME: Jim Prevette, SGSF

- What is currently working well or proves to be beneficial
- What are the current challenges, or issues, or changes that need addressed?
- What are recommendations to the NASF Fire Committee?
- Who from the CMS group is identified to assist with future actions?
- Discuss viability and organization of the Alliance of Forest Fire Compacts and deliver recommendations.
- Opportunities to increase compact participation

References: Forest Fire Compact Agreements; Examples of State-to-State Agreements in Use; NASF White Paper about Compacts and liability issue.

Wednesday, January 24th: Second Session

1530-1700 Breakout #5: Wildfire Suppression Cost Share Agreements

Leads: Ron Graham (Primary), Robby Gross, Frank Sorrells

SME: Business Advisors if present

- Identify consistent process for Wildfire Suppression Agreements with States and other agencies
- How to address cost share agreements when full suppression is not the strategy
- Inconsistencies that need to be addressed across Regions, Forests, and/or other jurisdictions
- Aircraft / Retardant costs and issues or concerns that need addressed or better defined
- Identify any issues related to the timing of cost share signatures, and reimbursements / payments
- Provide any recommendations to assist with wildfire cost share agreements and any noteworthy actions to consider in the future

References: After Action Cost Share documents or reviews; Example Cost Share Agreements from various States; Incident Business Standards or Guides.



1530-1700 Breakout #6: NASF CMS Organization/Leadership Structure and Options

Leads: John Raulerson (Primary), Ben Snyder, John Truett, Russ Lane, Gail Bledsoe, Norm McDonald
 Potential resource participants: Select members of proposed Aviation Supervision subcommittee/steering committee

- Current group organization versus any future recommended leadership Org structure for CMS group
- Timeframes, terms, and other recommendations related to Org leadership structure
- Recommendations on potential Subcommittees, those under development and any future associated Org structure under the CMS group
- Identify any current or future work, Org structure needs, or projects that should be reviewed or under the oversight of the CMS group
- Identify expectations, processes, potential information flow, and/or actions that could be recommended to the NASF Fire Committee

References: Fire Chiefs, Managers, Supervisors business guides or operating procedures; CMS group staffing guides or procedures; Status update from Aviation Supervision Steering Committee or Subcommittee (under formation); Feedback on subject from Regional CMS meetings.

1530-1700 Breakout #7: Wildfire Mitigation & Management Commission Report -NASF Priority Items-CMS Group

Leads: Wes Moorehead (Primary), Brett Ostler

SME: Annie Schmidt, Wildfire Mitigation & Management Commission member, Robyn Whitney, NASF

- From the CMS group perspective, identify key focal points or top priorities from the report.
- What are the recommendations from CMS group associated with these priorities?
- List proposed actions related to the focal points or priorities identified above.
- Come back with some implementation strategies that the CMS may recommend from their level and report out to Fire Committee.
- Review NASF Priorities on Commission Report by the CMS group and provide feedback (if available at time of meeting)

References: Wildfire Mitigation & Management Commission Report; NASF Policy Review Documents.

