



National Fire and Aviation Executive Board

MEMORANDUM

To: Geographic Area Coordinating Groups and Center Managers
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Bureau of Land Management
National Park Service
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
USDA Forest Service
National Association of State Foresters

From: National Fire and Aviation Executive Board

Date: April 10, 2006

Subject: Charter for the National Predictive Service Group (NPSG)

In 2000, the National Fire Plan provided for the development of Predictive Service Units at the Geographic Area Coordination Centers (GACCs) and the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) in order to integrate climate, weather, situation, resource status, and fuels information into products that will enhance the ability of managers to make sound decisions for both short and long range strategic planning and resource allocation decisions, and ensure the safety of firefighting and emergency personnel. The concept behind this effort was to blend the functions of intelligence, meteorological forecasting, and fire analyst capabilities into a cohesive national program called "Predictive Services" in order to place emphasis on predictive capability at the Geographic Area and National levels.

To develop a framework and provide leadership for the Predictive Services Program, the National Predictive Service Group (NPSG) was formed in 2002. The mission of NPSG is to provide interagency oversight, leadership, strategic direction, and vision to improve the quality, accuracy, and relevance of decision support products and information provided by Predictive Services through the multi-agency coordination system to fire managers and users nationwide.

To ensure strong national leadership and advocacy for the Predictive Services Program, the National Fire and Aviation Executive Board (NFAEB) has agreed to charter NPSG.

NPSG will be composed of members representing specialized groups, and administrative personnel, consisting of ten (10) members plus two advisors (a NFAEB liaison and NICC Manager). The following two standing working groups will operate under the direction of NPSG:

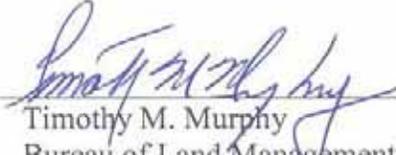
- Intelligence Working Group (IWG)

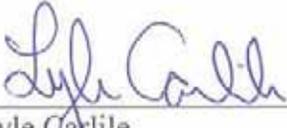
- Meteorological Working Group (MWG)

Please provide the necessary support and assistance to make Predictive Services a successful program. For further information, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tom Wordell, NPSG Chair, at (208) 387-5816 or Rick Ochoa, NPSG Co-Chair, at (208) 387-5451.

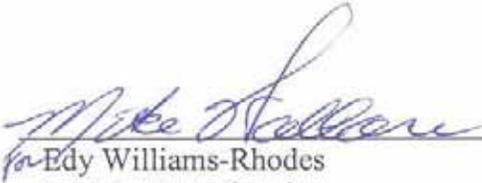
A copy of the signed Charter under NFAEB is attached.


for Marc Rounsaville
USDA-Forest Service
Deputy Director of Fire and Aviation
Management


Timothy M. Murphy
Bureau of Land Management
Fire and Aviation
Director (Acting)


Lyle Carlile
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Fire Director


Brian McManus
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Fire Director (Acting)


for Edy Williams-Rhodes
National Park Service
Chief, Division of Fire & Aviation
Management


Don Artley
National Association of State Foresters
Fire Director