



## Agency Administrator Subgroup

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**Date:** 10 January 2024, 1500 – 1600 MT

**Members:** Chad Stewart, Chair, USFS | Kim Pierson, USFS | Lynn Polacca, BIA | Tanya Thrift, BLM | Clay Jordan, NPS | Sam Leneave, NASF | Jesse Bender, IWDG

**Guests:** Zeph Cunningham, USFS

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### AGENDA

#### USFS Prescribed Fire

- Cunningham provided a briefing on USFS direction and prioritization of prescribed fire treatments. Intent from USFS is not to reinvent the system or simply increase the acres burned but to treat the right locations by identifying priority landscapes.
- The new business practices bring challenges and opportunities that potentially impact other land management agencies, including discussions on potential use of existing IMTs to manage prescribed fire planning and implementation, increased geographic area coordination in resources for prescribed fire, and availability of qualified overhead and agency administrators.
- Program was piloted in three locations in 2023, each of which was unique in scope and focus.

#### IMT Evaluation Form

- Target for final input and edits is mid-February to allow time for NMAC to review and adopt for 2023.
- Send comments, edits, and suggestions to Bender for compilation. Plan to review updated draft on February 14<sup>th</sup> call.

#### Communications

- Draft FMB memo is in review this week. Key messages include reference to AA Subgroup memo 23-01, Expectations of Agency Administrators in Implementation of Complex Incident Management (CIM). Memo reinforces continued support for CIM and business model changes.
- Increased communication needed on new business rules and process for national rotation to ensure the expectations on individuals are clear to AAs and supervisors.
- Single source of information is important, as is clear and simple text, beyond memos and guidance documents. Reference StoryMap for complete information. Provide a direct link, consolidated list specifically for AAs.

#### February Agenda Items

- Agency-Specific AA Qualifications and Training Requirements (both wildland and prescribed fire)
- IMT Evaluation Form