



National Fire and Aviation Executive Board

Memorandum

To: Fire Management

From: National Fire and Aviation Executive Board

Date: March 26, 2007

Subject: Fire Occurrence Reporting System (FORS) Study Report

The FORS study report was authorized and sponsored by the National Fire and Aviation Executive Board (NFAEB). The project was initiated in July 2005 and was re-chartered in August 2006. A final report was submitted to NFAEB in February 2007.

The specific project objective was to conduct a needs analysis across agencies and functional business areas in order to develop a proposed list of critical and common fire occurrence data elements required for timely and accurate reporting. The FORS study was *not* intended to identify or recommend technical solutions.

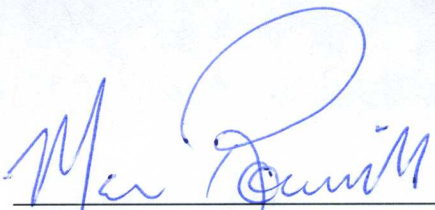
The FORS study team interviewed 82 stakeholders during group interview sessions or by telephone. Business needs identified by the stakeholders were captured, entered into a database, analyzed by functional area, and compared across identified legacy systems. After the data collection phase, the FORS study team met with agency fire occurrence Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to refine and validate the interview findings, help draw conclusions and recommendations, and identify critical and common data elements.

The FORS study yielded finding on four major themes:

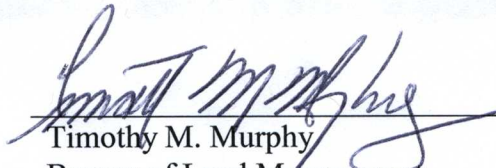
- Data management
- Short-term decision support
- Long-term decision support
- Reporting

The FORS report can be found at the following url: <http://www.nwcg.gov/teams/fenwt/fors.htm>

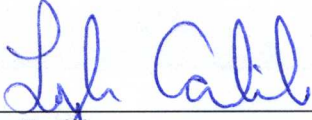
The NFAEB has reviewed the FORS report and is considering management options at this time. In addition, the National Wildland Fire Enterprise Architecture (NWFEA) project blueprint is scheduled to be delivered spring of 2007 and the governance of NFAEB and NWCG is currently being reviewed. Consequently, future actions based on recommendations from the FORS report will need to consider and be integrated with both of these efforts.



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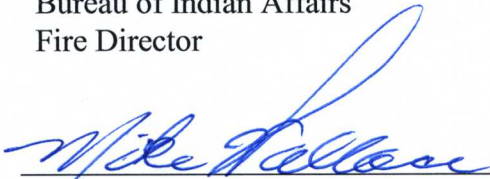
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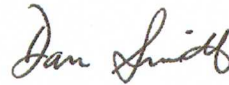
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