

NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP
National Predictive Services Subcommittee

Charter

1. Background

The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) was formed in January 1974, to expand operational cooperation and coordination between various public agencies having jurisdictional responsibility for wildland fire management.

In 2007, NWCG was re-chartered, expanding its responsibility and adding new partners. The subcommittee chartered herein is one of a number of support groups established by the NWCG to provide stewardship for specific business segment areas in fire management.

Historically, most of the functional business areas to be addressed by this subcommittee were the responsibility of the former National Predictive Services Group (NPSG).

2. Name

The name of this subcommittee, hereinafter referred to as the Subcommittee, is the National Predictive Services Subcommittee (NPSS) of the Fire Environment Committee.

3. Authority

The Subcommittee is established pursuant to the authorities granted in the Fire Environment Committee Charter.

The deliberations of this Subcommittee are exempt from the Federal Advisory Committee Act under section 204 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

The Subcommittee Chair is authorized to convene meetings and schedule agenda items. The Chair is also authorized to make contacts, negotiate work assignments, and make commitments on behalf of the Subcommittee. The Chair may also commit such resources as are available within the Subcommittee or as authorized by the Fire Environment Committee.

4. Purpose

The Subcommittee is established to provide interagency oversight, leadership, strategic direction, and vision to improve the quality, accuracy, and relevance of decision support products and information provided by the Predictive Services program through the multi-agency coordination system to fire managers and users nationwide.

5. Membership

Subcommittee membership will reflect a mix of people who are knowledgeable in the subject area of the Subcommittee and who are from NWCG member agencies and organizations. With NWCG Executive Board approval, agencies or organizations that are not NWCG members may be selected for Subcommittee membership.

The Fire Environment Committee will appoint a Subcommittee Chair. The term of the Chair appointment will be 2 years and may be extended at the discretion of the Fire Environment Committee.

Primary Subcommittee members will be selected by the Chair. The terms of each primary member will be 2 years and may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. Technical advisors may be added as associate members with Chair approval.

6. Organization

The Subcommittee is under the direction of the Fire Environment Committee.

The Subcommittee may create units and task teams with concurrence of the Fire Environment Committee Chair and the Equipment and Technology Branch Coordinator.

7. Cooperation and Coordination

The Subcommittee will work through the Fire Environment Committee to ensure appropriate coordination, collaboration, and information sharing with other groups and organizations for the subject matter and specific tasks of the Subcommittee.

8. Responsibility

The Subcommittee is primarily responsible for providing stewardship and oversight for the Predictive Services Program.

9. Deliverables

Standards and guidelines for Predictive Services products and services, and roles and responsibilities for program management and operations. Reviews, assessments and recommendations pertaining to program development, communications, and support requirements. Training course content development and delivery.

10. Meetings

The Subcommittee shall document in a standard operating procedure the specific protocols and procedures for conducting subcommittee business.

11. Charter Amendments

Changes to, or revocation of, this charter must follow the process outlined in the *NWCG Operating Principles and Guidelines*.

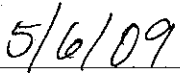
12. Charter Approval

This charter is effective as of the date of approval by the Chair of the Fire Environment Committee and shall remain in effect until revised or revoked.

Approved:



Chair, Fire Environment Committee

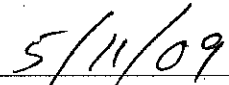


Date

Concur:



Branch Coordinator



Date