



# NWSA Accomplishments

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- Explored options to Congressionally address the inclusion of wildland firefighting in the Migrant Seasonal Protection Act.
- Researched 1994 Executive Order and it's current role in contracting.
- A couple of our Board Members received an invitation by their local congressman to meet with Sec. Purdue and Sec. Zinke and were able to provide them some education about the Professional Wildland Fire Services Industry. They were not invited as NWSA but did get to visit with them about the PWFS and it was on their own dime.
- Worked with USDOL on providing some workshops about the Service Contract Act in Region 6

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- Produced two issues of Fireline, the Official Magazine of NWSA which currently has over 3000 readers across agency, political and industry lines.
- Created social media with over 13,000 followers.
- Built relationships with Private Landowners, and education on the PWFS and they role we play.
- Prepared an Issue Paper on the Federal Agency Business Model that overlooks the PWFS during PL3 – PL5. That paper was shared with the NICC Center Manager who was going to share with the folks that develop the National Mob Guide. We are awaiting a response to that.

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- NWSA worked with Dispatching in Region 6 to clarify how orders for crews should out of region should be handled for Type 2IA's.
- NWSA was successful in getting the dispatch protocol changes for Type 2 Crews in Region 6 for out of Region dispatches during “non fire season” in Oregon to statewide best value dispatching. We continue to work on this issue.
- NWSA has continued in every conversation with the agencies to push for “True Best” value dispatching for VIPR Resources nationally. Currently the award is based on best value, but performance is not a part of the creation of the Dispatch Priority List.
- NWSA developed a list of acceptable training providers nationally by Region and that is being posted on some of the agencies websites. We continue to update that list as needed.

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- Worked on creating media opportunities.
- Worked with Coors Light/General Distributors on an opportunity for a \$1000 donation that will be used for two \$500.00 Scholarship. You can find applications for those at our front desk.
- Worked with Oregon Forest Industries Council on sponsoring some meetings with some ODF IC's, private landowners and Oregon Department of Forestry to discuss issues and share ideas.
- We are working with the British Columbia Wildfire Service and some contractors on helping establish an International Chapter in British Columbia.
- One of our Board Members Mike Edrington was able to do a presentation on the PWFS at the National IC/AC Meeting.

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- NWSA is listed as a Partner on the Agenda for the Northwest Incident Management Team Meeting in Yakima, WA.
  - We are hosting a booth to hand out information (more than 500 attendees are expected).
  - We are giving a presentation on the PWFS to the IC group.
  - Debbie will be sitting on a panel with Agency representatives at the meeting.
- Working with Region 9 Working Training Group on establishing a MOU for Training.
  - They have asked us to submit a one page document as well as a sample MOU that is being presented to the NE Wildfire Coordinating Group.

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- We had worked with Rich Nieto from Region 3 about an MOU for Training. We had discussion and provided him with some documentation but at this point Region 3 does not see a need for an MOU.
- Worked with Tim Murphy to get NWSA added as an accepted training organization on their list of providers.
- Working with Region 4 to help garner a better understanding of what an acceptable trainer is in that region. She is working on getting up to speed and reviewing documents with the GB Working Training Committee. NWSA currently holds an Training MOU with that Region also.

