

**INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES AND
SUPPORTING RESEARCH (ICMSSR)**

**COMMITTEE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, OPERATIONS, AND RESEARCH
NEEDS (CESORN)**

**JOINT ACTION GROUP FOR THE NATIONAL WILDLAND FIRE WEATHER NEEDS
ASSESSMENT (JAG/NWFWNA)**

Preliminary Agenda for 2006-3 Meeting

April 20-21, 2006
Silver Spring, MD

Date/Time: April 20, 2006 (Thursday) 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM (local)
April 21, 2006 (Friday) 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM (local)

Location: OFCM
8455 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Teleconference Information:

Dial #: 1-888-680-9581

Passcode: 535430

Thursday, April 20, 2006

8:30 AM - 8:40 AM

Welcome, Remarks, and Introductions

- Mr. Eli Jacks, Co-Chair, DOC/NOAA/NWS
- Dr. Allen Riebau, Co-Chair, USDA/FS

8:40 AM – 9:00 AM

Administrative Remarks

- Ms. Mary Cairns, OFCM, Executive Secretary
 - Administrative logistics
 - Agenda review/changes
 - Approval/Status of Action Items from 2006-1

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Agency Presentations

This will be brief presentations by indicated agencies to provide additional information on the problem/need for wildland fire weather in addition to providing information towards the assessment. The agencies should include the following:

1. Title Slide (list agency, main office, contact)
2. State their mission and relate it to wildland fire
3. Consider the following questions:
 - What fire management decisions/processes require weather and climate information?

- Who you think the users/stakeholders are of fire weather information?
- Out of the proposed assessment functional areas, which areas would your agency consider to be a priority?
- As related to the wildland fire weather “system,” what does your agency see as best practices and what areas are deficient?
- Are there specific questions your agency would like to see addressed?

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

NASA

- Mr. Steve Ambrose, NASA Headquarters, Office of Earth Science

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

NIST

- Dr. William “Ruddy” Mell, Building and Fire Research Laboratory

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM Morning Break

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM

Information Briefing on Surface Observation Data Flows via GOES in Support of Functional Area on Information Dissemination and Technologies

- Ms. Kolleen Skelley, RAWS Program Manager, USDA/FS

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Agency Presentations (continued)

CDC

- Dr. Paul Garbe, Associate Director for Science

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

EPA

- Mr. Tom Pierce, Atmospheric Sciences Modeling Division

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch (on site)

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Review of Assessment Functional Area Templates

- Review process documents for the remaining areas: information dissemination and technologies; education, training, outreach, partnering, and collaboration; user response, decision support, and resulting user impacts; funding and human resource considerations; socioeconomic impacts.

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM Afternoon break

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM

Review of Assessment Functional Area Templates (continued)

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Open discussion and review

4:30 PM Adjourn

Friday, April 21, 2006

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Discuss and Review Survey Questions by Functional Area

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Morning Break

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM

Discuss and Review Survey Questions by Functional Area (continued)

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Discuss Draft Outline for Assessment Report

Agencies will discuss writing assignments for the report

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Wrap-up and Next Steps

12:00 PM

Adjourn