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Pacific Northwest Wildfire Coordinating Group

Thank you very much for participating in the December 16, 2014, Pacific Northwest Coordinating Group Steering Committee meeting. The Steering Committee values the contribution that the Contractor Associations and their members make to fire management both here in the Northwest and throughout the nation.

Your willingness to candidly and openly share your issues and concerns with PNWCG is very much appreciated. The fact that you collaborated with the other associations to prepare a list of common issues was very helpful and served to focus the discussions. We also appreciated the proposed solutions and focus areas that were highlighted in the discussion.

PNWCG members listened to your discussion and concerns with regard to online training, and we read your issue papers both for and against the topic. We determined that while it is not the number one choice for training, it should be available as a training option to attain qualifications. Administrators for online training must be listed by a Training Association as a qualified instructor.

Overall, we all know that even the best of contracts and agreements depend on good personal relationships for their success. We will continue to strive to maintain and enhance the open, trusting and candid relationship that we believe we currently have with the associations and contract and agreement holders.

Sincerely,

David Summer
PNWCG Chair