FMB Meeting Notes June 16, 2021

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Guests: Kaili McCray (MPHAT), Frank Guzman (NWCG), Dan Smith (NASF), Jim Karels (NASF), Joshua Simmons (BIA)

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<ul> <li>Wildland Fire Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT) Update:</li> <li>OSHA released the emergency standards but it only applies to Health Care Facilities and have received some additional guidance form OMB.</li> <li>Incident COVID 19 Tracker with NMAC, looked at the information from the end of January/February, had an MPHAT AAR regarding the inconsistencies.</li> <li>Require COVID 19 reporting only if COVID 19 activities are occurring such as testing and a positive case(s).</li> <li>Need clarification on how this goes out</li> <li>Needs to be better consensus on the scope of the project as it applies to the field.</li> <li>Engages with the states and have their support.</li> <li>In the large fire criteria, 209 require reporting or a COVID19 data into Tracker.</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul> <li>NASF: States experiencing same kind of unusual fire behavior from Minnesota to Utah. The forecasts and fuels are right on track. Mentioned the Montana DNRC helicopter crash involving all 5 employees walked away with minor injuries and the helicopter was destroyed. Texas had a change in leadership with Tom Bagas retiring, an acting is appointed. New Fire Chief there as well. NASF briefed on the Complex Incident Management team initiative. Need to keep everyone informed and mentioned that the transition to Jim Karels will be completed this week but he will still be in the background until the end of June.</li> <li>NMAC: Preparedness level is 3. Eastern area not shutting down. It is very busy this year. Talking about how we prioritize resources this year. Crew availability is being a problem. Monitor what that will look like this year.</li> <li>NWCG: Need for coordination with IMRR on remote check in. There are a lot of vacancies, doing our best to fill them. Plan on meeting with NWCG, FS, and let FMB get everyone going in the same direction.</li> </ul>	N/A

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<ul> <li>Susie - Inspections are being completed.</li> <li>Bodie - Jason Steinmetz was hired as the Bureau of Indian Affairs National Emergency Management Director.</li> <li>Chad - Parks Service Training Contracting Coordinator involving CO's folks with purchase authorities over time. There are limitations out there and growing. Access saved several superintendents with training.</li> <li>Megan - Gill Dustin is off the roll, last PP was his last one.</li> <li>Beth - Issue with staffing in procurement arena. Type 2 contracts has had continuous protests working through it with OFC. There were 230 proposals that were received successful. Type 2 IA's good until June 30th. Shortage in R5 of Hot Shot Crews that are fully certified. Many crews have been reduced and there has been a loss due to employees going to other agencies. Southwest is extremely active seeing complete combustion. There is an uptick in the Northern Rockies.</li> <li>Rhonda - Resource tracking pilot is out in the southwest right now. Creating a write up about what would it take to implement. There has been a number of congressionals and OMB inquiries into Wildland Fire IT Modernization. There is a WIFIT EB meeting at the end of this month. One topic will be to continue to improve our ability trusting each other and share data. The agenda is still being finalized.</li> <li>Erin - Bill Avey did reach out and wanted to discuss awareness of contracts in WF and who's doing what? DOD agreement in DOI, briefed on it yesterday. DOI is getting continued interest and congressionals on workforce. FS/DOI leadership had brief with NSC last week and Monday and scheduled another meeting for this week. They want an update on hiring numbers.</li> </ul>	N/A