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SUBJECT : SAFETY ADVISORY : New Wildland Fire Safety Initiatives

This spring two important safety initiatives were introduced to the Wildland Fire community. The first initiative is sponsored jointly by the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center, the Safety and Health Working Team, and the Federal Fire and Aviation Safety Team. The project is a database firefighters can query to find historical documents from wildland fire incidents, and it serves as the interagency repository of factual investigation reports and analysis. The available documents include 24 and 48 hour reports, factual accident investigation reports, and escaped prescribed fire reviews. This initiative can be found through the following link:

<http://www.wildfirelessons.net/Reviews.aspx>

The second initiative, sponsored by the Federal Fire and Aviation Safety Team, is a program created to provide the interagency wildland fire community a comprehensive, easy-to-follow fitness program. The objective of this program is to improve firefighter health and safety, and to reduce line injuries. It provides a basic format for a well balanced fitness program that can be augmented as local units see fit. This initiative can be found through the following link:

<http://www.nifc.gov/FireFit/index.htm>

The NWCG Safety and Health Working Team encourages every fire organization to investigate these initiatives and consider using them within their programs.
