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NCSC MEMORANDUM # 22-01

To: Mack McFarland, Chair, Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Subcommittee
From: Sean Peterson and Kathy Pipkin, Co-chairs of the National Coordination System Committee
Re: Faller Module Definition

Purpose: The National Coordination System Committee is requesting that the Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Subcommittee submit a definition to the Data Standards and Terminology Board for Faller Modules.

Background: Currently, there is no NWCG definition standard for Faller Module. Agency employed fallers must be ordered as individual overhead i.e., FAL1, FAL2, FAL3 and then grouped together informally to form a nonstandard or undefined Faller Module.

Issue/Action Requested:

1. Private contractor Faller Modules are solicited under the Virtual Incident Procurement (VIPR) system through the USDA Forest Service as two-person non-standard overhead groups and are ordered through the Interagency Resource Ordering Capability (IROC).
2. Overhead groups such as a Falling Module in IROC will be adding standardized 4-character Catalog Item mnemonic codes for all Aircraft, Crew, Equipment, Overhead Groups and non-NFES Supplies in late February or early March.
3. The National Coordination System Committee reached consensus at our monthly February meeting in support of formally requesting that the Hazard Tree/Felling sub-committee submit a formal definition of a Faller Module to the Data Standards and Terminology Board with the purpose that our regular agency personnel can be in alignment with our contracted Faller Module resources and ordered as such so as a standard two-person overhead group.

Recommendation: The National Coordination System Committee is recommending the following definition. "A group of two individuals specially trained and equipped to fall trees."

For any questions, please contact NCSC Co-Chairs, Sean Peterson or Kathy Pipkin

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