



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

Risk Management Committee

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TO: Wildland Fire Community

FROM: Persephone Whelan, Chair, NWCG Risk Management Committee (RMC)

SUBJECT: SAFENET Modernization and SafeNetX Launch

Purpose: This memorandum announces the launch of SafeNetX, the modernized reporting system that supports safety communication across the wildland fire community. Please distribute this information through your agency channels.

Issue/Action: SafeNetX launches June 15, 2026. The system enables reporting of unsafe, unhealthy, near-miss, and high-risk operations across wildland fire, all-hazard incidents, training, and related work environments. Built for operational users, SafeNetX provides a streamlined platform for communicating safety and risk management concerns. SafeNetX is available at <https://safenet.nifc.gov/>.

Modernized SafeNetX features include:

- Mobile device access for in-field submissions and timely reporting.
- Ability to upload photos, videos, and documents with a report.
- An improved process flow that allows jurisdictional agencies to access submissions, share with Incident Management Teams, coordinate with the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center (LLC), and track feedback.

The rollout will include training for agency- and state-identified personnel to ensure consistent feedback and tracking. Feedback on SafeNetX may be sent to the Persephone Whelan, RMC Chair, at persephone.whelan@usda.gov for coordination with the committee.

Background and Coordination: RMC began evaluating improvements to the SAFENET system in 2021. In 2024, RMC created a modernization work group with representatives from Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service (NPS), U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), state agencies, Office of Wildland Fire (OWF), U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Chief Information Officer (DOI OCIO), and the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center (LLC) to update the SAFENET system. Core modernization requirements included a guided submission process, attachment capability, a mobile-accessible platform, improved administrative tools, trend tracking, and additional reporting categories.

Contact: For questions, please contact your agency RMC representative. Member roster available at <https://www.nwcg.gov/committee/risk-management-committee/roster>.

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