



Equipment Technology Committee

Meeting Notes – August 12, 2025



	Topic	Presenter	Notes	Action/Decision
1	Introductions		• Ryan Sharpe – detailed behind Eric Fransted. • Scott Sakayeda – equipment specialist for NTDP, detailed into project manager position. • Tracy Shepherd – DLA, new Program Manager.	
2	Type 6 Engines & FS Fleet	Ralph Gonzales	• Engine bracket failures, FS mobile fire equipment memo.	
3	NTDP Updates	Ralph Gonzales	• Hiring 4 equipment specialists. • Missoula – working on chaps non-conformity inspections, low number discovered. If ordered through FedMall exchange with the caches. Flame resistant fire shirt survey open. Pre-2006 fire shelter advisory in the works. • San Demas – Focused on Type 6 engine bulletin. Standardizing hose and sprinkler kits. Considering introducing another hand tool into NFES system – rhino tool. Request for R5 on dozer cabs – getting exhaust/dust/smoke into cabs, position pressure systems would help. • Innovative Ideas – moving 2 ideas forward. Hot rox – gated/ball valve. Remote hydrant – drafting tests validated, moving into operational integration tests.	
4	Agency Updates	ETC Members	• LJ Brown (BLM): Changes in fire equipment program, looking to fill in behind. • Erica Lamb (NWCG): Committee restructuring. • Crystal Forester (NIOSH): Data for laundering PPE shows no difference between commercial extractors and home units. Paper will be released soon (2 – 6 months) depending on journal review timeframe. • Clint Hamilton (FSPDESC): Tracking equipment bulletin. • Ryan Sharpe: Working on pre-2006 fire shelter memo. • Michael Womack (NASF Eastern States): Virginia ordered Cat dozers. • Karen Stockmann (Invasive Species Subcommittee): Memo out, project through NTDP on weed wash station design. • Dave Stockoski: Gave equipment slideshow.	
5	Alerts		• ETC/RMC Laundering • Shirt survey • Chap non-conformities • Retrofitting beverage containers • Pre-2006 fire shelters • PFAS	

6	Subcommittee Updates	Subcommittee Chairs	• Fire Chemicals: absent • Fire Shelter & PPE: Subcommittee meeting next week • Ground Ignition: absent • Invasive Species: update on mussels memo, project for weed wash • Mobile Fire Equipment: unavailable • NFES: unavailable	
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Next Conference Call

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Meeting Attendees:

- LJ Brown
- Crystal Forester
- Ralph Gonzales
- Clint Hamilton
- Erica Lamb
- Scott Sakayeda
- Ryan Sharpe
- Michael Womack
- Tracy Shepherd
- Karen Stockmann
- David Stockoski