



## Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Sub-Committee Meeting Notes:

**July 13, 2022**

### **Attendees:**

Mack McFarland, Godot Apuzzo, Ben Webster, Pete Duncan

### **Announcements:**

- Action Required: RMC will be meeting in Boise November 8-10. We will plan on meeting in Boise and attending some of the RMC sessions. We will have a 4 hour work session for our subcommittee as part of the agenda. Submit best dates to McFarland to help with the schedule.
  - Developing Agenda
- Informational: USFS/NPS MOU for non-fire saw quals. Language updated to clear up who the MOU applied to. This is for non-IQCS certifications.
- Action Required: HTTFS currently does not have any training courses assigned although we have completed the PMS-212 Standards for wildland fire chainsaw operations and are also currently working with the NWCG training unit to review current S-212 curriculum. We would like to have the S-212 course assigned to the HTTFS rather than the Incident Operations Subcommittee (Incident and Position Standards Committee). – REQUEST FOR CHANGE SUBMITTED 7/19/22

### **Update on FAL3 SME Efforts**

- Worked through “a day in the life” of a FAL3 with the contractor.
- Next step is working through tasks

### **Update on USFS Saw Training**

- Working through some updates and Agency level reviews.
- Current target for launch is in September.

### **Faller 1 Refresher/currency minimum requirements brainstorm**

Refresher concept brainstorm:

- Saw skills competency evaluation and tracking is a root issue across the agencies.
- The group discussed various topics around a chainsaw refresher concept.
- We will keep this on the agenda for future discussion

### **Round Robin:**

Pete: Dan McLaughlin is the new USFS R-9 Saw Coordinator based in Minnesota.

Ben: Putting on a saw academy in Illinois in March of 2023

Godot: PPE inspection tech tips for chainsaw chaps will be housed on the [Fire Shelter and Personal Protective Equipment Subcommittee | NWCG](#)

Tech Tips:

[Inspecting, Cleaning, Repairing, and Retiring USDA Forest Service Chain Saw Chaps \(nwcg.gov\)](#)