



**NWCG Risk Management Committee
Conference Call Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2019**

Call Participants:

Mark Goeller	OK Forestry Services, Chair	Bodie Ronk	BLM, NIFC
Reese	FWS, NIFC (<i>acting</i>)	Adrian Grayshield	BIA, NIFC
Kathy Komatz	NPS, NIFC	Corey Butler	NIOSH
Miranda Stewart	NPS, (<i>Sitting in for Chad Fisher</i>)	Alex Viktora	USFS, LLC
William Troup	US Fire Administration	Steve Holdsambeck	USFS, NIFC
Joe Sol	USFS, NTDP	Tony Petrilli	USFS, NTDP
Colby Jackson	BLM, NIFC	Ted Mason	BLM, NIFC
Kaili McCray	FWS, NIFC	Wes Keller	Western States
Tim Blake	NWCG, NIFC	Chad Fisher	NPS, NIFC
Joe Domitrovich	USFS, NTDP	Tess McCarville	USFS, NIFC
Mike Degrosky	Montana DNRC	Mack McFarland	NPS

Other Attendees:

Joe Shindel (NWCG Training)
Erik Apland (USFS Risk detailer)
George Broyles (USFS Smoke Study)

Opening/Introductions (Goeller)

Roll Call

NWCG Updates (Tim Blake)

Executive Board

- Kudos to Colby Jackson for stepping up when Tim is not available to provide the NWCG updates.
- Aviation Risk Management Subcommittee is officially under National Interagency Aviation Committee (NIAC).
- Fire Chemical Subcommittee has been stood up under Equipment Technology Committee.

- Lead Plane Unit has been stood up under NIAC
- Working with Hazard Tree Subcommittee (HTSC) to work on safety action plan in Brian Hughes fatality.
- Mental Health Subcommittee is moving forward with Miranda Stuart leading.
- 6 Minutes For Safety is doing great work with Kathy Komatz's vision.
- Incident Emergency Medical Subcommittee (IEMS) is doing great work under Kaili McCray's leadership.

NWCG Training

- Incident Position Description: Medical Unit Leader (MEDL) is being reworked under the IEMS.
- The Safety Officer (SOF) positions will need to be examined to proceed with the Incident Position Descriptions. There are a number of individuals identified as SME's.
 - Forward potential SME names to Colby
- Smoke Committee has approved request to make video identifying smoke hazards. Awareness video with a focus on what SOF and MEDL.
- CAL Fire tanker drop video. Released in a week or two. Will be posted on the Cal Fire YouTube site.
- Inquiry on HTSC video production at Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR).

Preparedness Guide for Firefighters & Families

- Decision has been made that the NWCG Executive Board will house this document.
 - Exec Board will draft tasking memorandum to improve the content. Recommend long term stewardship solution.
- Potential task team will be identified to work on revisions.
- Feedback that agency reps on the RMC couldn't be found has been fixed on the RMC roster.

NTDP Smoke Study Update (George Broyles-Project Lead)

- Three year smoke study in progress.
- Working on S-130/S-190 on course revision to put focus on smoke exposure.
- George had presented recent developments on smoke study to the FS Risk Management Council. Identified cardio vascular disease and lung cancer correlations. Action items included development of multiple new NWCG type products.
 - 4 different products. Includes noise exposure as well as smoke exposure and safety/health consequences. Subject matter experts (NIOSH, IEMS, etc.) will be reviewing applicable information for accuracy.
 - Been working with Kathy Komatz on updated 6MFS.

- Looking at new WFSTAR video production. Steve Holdsambeck will submit official request.

Columbia River Bar Pilots Video Review (Colby Jackson)

- Mark sent the YouTube links to the Committee for video review.
- Email correspondence to Colby and he will consolidate feedback.
- Next step is to work on facilitator guide.
 - Two volunteers (Tess McCarville and Dave Williams).
 - Intent is to have complete product by Southern US fire season.
- Inquiry as to the black and white version vs the color version.
 - Stylistic change in black and white narration of bar pilots.

NTDP Update (Sol & Petrilli)

- Not on call

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Update (Petrilli & Mason)

- No updates for PPE
- Identified a “bad dye batch” on some yellow nomex shirts. One has been sent back to Tony for evaluation.
- Clarification that direction has been to change the fire shelter subcommittee to be the PPE subcommittee.

SafetyGram (SG) and Lessons Learned Center (LLC) Update (Viktora)

- Most recent SG was sent out today (8/8/19). Small error on date, update sent to Krysta
- Multiple perspectives on the fatality in South Carolina. Currently counted in the SG.
- BLM has had a few burnover incidents. Documents/FLA/AI forthcoming.
- NPS inquired as to tree strike incidents in AK and SG. Pending any documents/FLA/AI.
 - NMAC notifications- Chad will send to Alex.
- BIA referenced a tree strike and how notifications could influence SG.
- Discussion on criteria reporting. How are the current notifications meeting the intent of the SG? Lessons learned center uses data and reports of accidents/injuries, however all of these may not meet the SG criteria.
- If anyone has questions on LLC products, please give a call and happy to work together.
- Blog Post focusing on the Preparedness Guide. Feedback is to be directed to Frank Guzman.

- Ferguson Corrective Action Plan: working with Chad. Travis Dotson will be the point of contact for this project.

NIOSH (Corey Butler)

- 19 researchers on the fireline on the Salmon Challis NF following Sawtooth IHC.
- Dr. Kenny Fent with the CDC has been awarded a large grant.
- Will be looking at 6MFS Smoke Exposure topic
- Dr. Kenny Fent and his work looking at cancer and structural fire correlation. Will be presenting to the NPS.

USFA (Bill Troup)

- Not on call

Subcommittee Updates

- **IEMS** (McCray)
 - 2018 Awards for IEMS have been announced.
- **Mental Health** (Stuart)
 - Not on call
- **HTSC** (McFarland)
 - First draft of WFSTAR video is forthcoming.
 - No official tasking for Corrective Action Plan for Ferguson Fatality. However looking at four elements in complex felling operations.
 - Hoping to weave in human factors element using FS influence and the recent videos.
 - NWCG is willing to assist with this effort.
- **6MFS** (Komatz)
 - Not on call.

Safenet Update (Goeller)

- Two submissions requiring RMC review in the last two weeks.
 - 1- sanitize to post
 - 1- not post
- BLM is waiting on one until it receives direction from the Office of Inspector General.
- FS is currently processing one regarding IHC crew and State of Alaska. Pending corrective action.

RMC Website Update (Goeller)

- Added agencies association to the official roster.
- If you have any hot topics please send

Round Robin (All)

Ted Mason/Bodie Ronk (BLM) – Request from Ted to reschedule this call one hour earlier or he will always miss it due to other conflict. Consensus was to reschedule.

Currently looking at language in the Red Book and incident/accident investigations.

Steve Holdsambeck (USFS) – The Cal Fire video referenced has a FS shield on it, although it has not been endorsed by the FS as it is a Cal Fire production. Aerial Ignition summit at the end of the month in Ft. Collins Colorado. Will be conducting a risk assessment on PSD operations. Our firenet/google access will be terminated at the end of the year, and we are currently in the process of moving our ORM website to a FS compatible platform. If anyone has issues with OWCP, please send to Steve. This is a significant issue across agency/bureau boundaries.

Adrian Grayshield (BIA) – Will be working on lessons learned review on the Quarter Fire. Adrian is interested in shadowing on FLA type reviews.

Chad Fisher (NPS) – Still working on safety position behind Chad. Kudos to Miranda acting in this position. Not sure when the job will be announced. Also working to fill the Lessons Learned Center Director. Coordinating Group advisory chairs have sent a letter to NMAC, originated in the Northern Rockies, regarding heavy equipment bosses. Will be headed to NWCG soon and some discussions to give this to OTC. This should be something the RMC should consider and provide input (i.e. span of control).

Reese Kerbow (FWS) – Detailed for 120 days and getting feet underneath. Nothing to add at this time.

Mark Goeller (Southern States Rep) – Pretty quiet, but very dry in western half of Region 8.

Wes Keller (North Eastern States) – Not on call.

*****Next Conference Call –September 12, 2019*****