



**NWCG Risk Management Committee
Conference Call Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2019**

Call Participants:

Mark Goeller	OK Forestry Services, Chair	Bodie Ronk	BLM, NIFC
Reese Kerbow	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	NE 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:

Erik Apland (USFS Risk detailer)
Pete Lahm (USFS WO)

Opening/Introductions (Goeller)

- **Roll Call**

NWCG Updates (Tim Blake)

Executive Board

- Conf call with Hazard Tree Subcommittee (HTSC) corrective action plan for Brian Hughes fatality. Mac McFarland has a three page summary (human factors, standardize complexity analysis, advanced faller course S-312-techniques, terms, methodologies). HTSC will be on executive board schedule for next Monday. Will give briefing on current status of corrective action plan and when recommendations implementation can begin.

NWCG Training

- Columbia River Bar Pilots Video/Facilitation Guide Review (Colby Jackson)
 - Please provide comments on the facilitation guide. Guide is live right now and can be updated as needed.
- SME group is doing great work on the Incident Position Descriptions. Work started promptly with Colby's vision and guidance.

NTDP Update (Petrilli)

- From Joe Domitrovich- finishing up field/electrolyte study. Planning on studying two more crews next spring.
- Firefighter pants survey has been extended to 9/30. Tony will send out the study link to the RMC for distribution to their respective agencies. So far 928 responses have been received.
- Local FD that had an entrapment and deployed one fire shelter. Cal Fire is doing SAR and Tony is providing fire shelter expertise in the review.
 - Will pass on final product to LLC

Smoke and Safety Officer/MEDL Training (Pete Lahm)

- WFSTAR Product *Know the Hazards of Smoke Video*: Project funded by NWCG in 2018, deferred to 2019. Putting together a video at improving knowledge base of MEDL and SOF surrounding smoke hazards.
 - S-130 know the hazards of smoke will be integrated into WFSTAR.
 - CAL OSHA Emergency Outdoor Worker Standard (*implemented July 29, 2019*) that could possibly impact fire fighters, contractors and support positions.
 - R5 OSHA guidance is that employees and contractors will comply. This is a Federal OSHA process and mandates that Federal employees adhere.
 - Poses questions surrounding how other agencies and organizations will comply. Smoke is smoke, regardless of affiliation.
 - Joe Domitrovich, George Broyles, Dave Mueller and others are all involved in effort.
 - Don't anticipate industrial hygienists will need to be on-site.
 - CAL OSHA approach will be that they are reliant upon ambient air quality (AAQ) monitoring.
 - Summation, if AAQ reaches 250 ppm over 2-hr period, respirators will be required.
 - Asking for NWCG risk management contributions.
 - Majority of effort will be in FY 2020.

PPE Update (Petrilli & Mason)

- Fire Shelter SC has worked well for the fire shelter project. Therefore will do the same for all PPE. The RMC supports and will be moving forward.
- Website has been updated *Fire Shelter and PPE Subcommittee*
 - Mission statement and objectives has been updated. Committee meeting in October 2019.
 - Will be looking for SME for PPE.

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

- Sent out latest SG as of 5 September. Total of seven fatalities as of today.
- Safety Gram Criteria indicates that in order for an incident to be logged, it must first be officially announced so LLC can “link” to it.
- Three new events: burn over/entrapments of personnel or equipment.
- CalFire: Blue Sheets (24hr Report), Green Sheet (72hr Report), Serious Accident Review (Final Product).
 - LLC is on the secret squirrel list to receive these reports direct.
- LLC has received 70 incidents received, less than this time last year.
- Travis Dotson is still acting LLC Director and waiting on direction on when it will be advertised.

NIOSH (Corey Butler)

- Not on call...

USFA (Bill Troup)

- Not on call...

Subcommittee Updates

- **Incident Emergency Medical Subcommittee (IEMS)** (McCray) Not on call...
 - Tim Blake will be meeting with IEMS to make edits on ICS-206
- **Mental Health Subcommittee (MHSC)** (Stuart)
 - The MHSC has a website up. Looking at unified language for next month, posted on 23 September.
 - Each agency rep will need to sign off on signature page for unified language posting.
 - Some feedback regarding the signature page. Could pose significant hurdles to move forward. Consensus is that all committee members support whatever Miranda elects to do.

- Developing module for WFSTAR, Adrian is taking the lead on this project.
- Alex has suggested website _____ that provide tips and guidance on how to open conversations with your organization regarding suicide.
- **Hazard Tree Subcommittee (HTSC)** (McFarland)
 - See Tim Blake's update from NWCG
- **6 Minutes For Safety (6MFS)** (Komatz)
 - Thanks to George Broyles on the collaboration for the latest 6MFS topic on noise hazards.
 - Air Tanker Subcommittee compiled list of topics to be available on 6MFS website.
 - Forest Service SW Region has requested a topic that addresses Valley Fever.
 - Field has requested IRPG page references in the 6MFS products. This will take a little bit more work to update the documents when the IRPG changes.
 - Consensus is that 6MFS will reference the applicable color section.

Safenet Update (Goeller)

- None that need review by RMC.

RMC Website Update (Goeller)

- Remove the Preparedness Guide
- Roster looks up to date with affiliation and email addresses

Face-to-Face Meeting Boise ID-NIFC (Goeller)

- October 8-10, 2019
- Mark will start working on an agenda, please submit topics to Mark ASAP.
- Tim Blake will check with Krysta Schultz to see if she can cover notes in Tess's absence.

Bin Items (All)

- FS is utilizing Husqvarna saws for new purchases. Sotor System (fueling system) has been implemented. Question posed was that if the FS mandated that all agency equipment use the Sotor System, what would other agencies do?
 - BLM response is that if the FS mandated the fueling system, BLM would look at developing a NWCG cache standard. No talk of an implementation plan to date.
 - This could be a core NWCG issue to coordinate interagency operability.
 - FS needs to update the risk assessment on the Sotor system.
 - Two alternatives: Sotor system or revisiting careful refueling procedures.
 - Request this topic be added to the ETC and then elevated to the executive board.
 - Feedback from the States has been that it could be cost prohibitive.

Round Robin (All)

Ted Mason/Bodie Ronk (BLM) – Wrapping up lower level type reviews and getting ahead of the game with Red Book updates.

Steve Holdsambeck (USFS) – Very few serious accidents and fatalities. Working on complete revamping of the FS risk management website. Leadership turnover (AD risk management), the new detailer will be announced soon.

Adrian Grayshield (BIA) – Meet with Bodie/Ted on RT130. Been very quiet

Miranda Stuart (NPS) – The risk positions at NPS will be out shortly.

Reese Kerbow (FWS) – Nothing to report

Mark Goeller (Southern States Rep) – Western part of the region (TX and southern OK) is critically dry and with a number of resources from the Southern States deployed to TX. Have had several large fires recently in OK and TX. Hurricane Dorian created additional response efforts to the eastern part of the region (FL, GA, SC, and NC).

Wes Keller (Northeastern States Rep) – Some crew movement to support the west.

*****Next Conference Call -Nov 14, 2019*****