



**RMC Members Present:** Ted Mason (BLM), Mike Noel (USFS), Kathy Komatz (NPS), Wesley Keller (NASF), Colby Jackson (Training Liaison). Adrian Grayshield (BIA), Tony Petrilli (USFS), Miranda Stuart (NPS). Bill Troup (FEMA), John Truett (NASF), Kelly Woods (NPS-LLC), Corey Butler (DOI), Tess McCarville (USFS), Mack McFarland (NPS), Joe Domitrovich (USFS), Darci Drinkwater (Executive Secretary), Chris Marks (NWCG Coordinator), Mark Goeller (NASF), Eric Fransted (RMC- Chair).

**Guests:** Kaili McCray, Kathleen Navarro, Ben Iverson, Corey Berkebile, Karma Hope

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<p><b>Safety Officer Task Group:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 SOFRs, Dan LeCrone from PA state and Dave Williams from R1. Will join Jen Rabuck, Colby Jackson and Eric Fransted for Task Group.</li> <li>• First step to finalize Incident Position Description (IDP)</li> </ul>	APPROVED- 5 participants for Task Group.
<p><b>Safety Stand Down:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides good resources, focused on rehab.</li> <li>• Could be problematic formally endorsing.</li> <li>• Possible link on NWCG webpage or MailChimp?</li> <li>• Chris Marks will discuss with NWCG Webmaster and Publications Manager about options.</li> </ul>	Follow up by Chris Marks.
<p><b>Work Capacity Test Publications Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PMS 304-2 Fitness and Work Capacity 2009 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Fitness and health guide for firefighters.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Concerns from the Office of Wildland Fire over photos, wording, and gender concerns.</li> <li>• Modernize from a printed document to the NWCG website.</li> <li>• All agree document needs updated. Address gender concerns and modernize.</li> </ul>	Joe Domitrovich will present ideas for modernization and updated PMS 304-2 at June meeting.
<p><b>SAFENET:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent SAFENET reported in Region 8.</li> <li>• Regional Risk Management have had discussion with Forest leadership and decided that some of the information in the narrative is not accurate and they will not be providing a corrective action plan to the SAFENET. Feel it is more of an individual leadership issue.</li> <li>• Posting maintains the integrity of the SAFENET program.</li> <li>• Agree to post SAFENET stating in the corrective action plan that the Forest Service will look at this incident internally and some of the facts may not be correct.</li> </ul>	<p>Mike Noel will write corrective action and SAFENET will be posted.</p> <p>Action item- Eric Fransted will draft definition of RMC’s role regarding SAFENETs and look at website improvements.</p>
<p><b>6 Minutes for Safety:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propose realigning 6 Minutes for Safety under the Lessons Learned Center (LLC). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Missions align. Intent to provide safety briefings, learning, promote safety culture and raising awareness.</li> <li>◦ Currently 6 Minutes for Safety is a Sub-committee under RMC.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	APPROVED- to move forward with transitioning 6 Minutes for Safety under LLC.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Would need to maintain open communications, connectivity, and trust with the field and NWCG committees.</li> </ul>	Action item- Kathy Komatz, Kelly Woods and Eric Fransted will develop transition plan and brief NWCG.
<p><b>NWCG Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● National Weather Service (NWS) joined NWCG Executive Board.</li> <li>● Firenet Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Accepted and proposal for documents on NWCG website.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● NWCG Memo 21-001 Use of Position Task Book Electronic Fillable Evaluation Record and Verification/Certification Pages. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not required, optional for those filling virtual positions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Safety Alert System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Comment period is over. Updated definitions will be posted soon.</li> <li>○ Equipment Technology Committee (ETC)- requested instructions, which will be added to the alerts page.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>National Training and Development Program (NTDP):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Women's pants, finishing up specifications and patterns. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hope to submit to DLA by the end of the month and in the Cache system by Spring of 2022.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● ETC- Drip Torch Safety Warning. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Requesting distribution. Facebook post on the issue had 7,000 views.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Feeding Firefighters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Incident Management Remote Response (IMRR) tech talk on feeding firefighters.</li> <li>○ Using shelf stable food boxes (similar to Rappel and Jumper boxes). Decreased driving time.</li> <li>○ Food contract modified from last year removing protein bars.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Boot stipend increase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Currently conducting a study to set fire boot standards.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>Lessons Learned Center (LLC) Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Posted new Podcast on tree felling.</li> <li>● Another Podcast is in production.</li> <li>● Last Podcast received 18,000 downloads.</li> <li>● Rapid Lessons Learned (RLS) ongoing.</li> <li>● Updated Safety Gram Fatalities for 2021.</li> </ul>	Review and discuss Safety Gram at June meeting.
<p><b>National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continue to support Wildland Fire Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT).</li> <li>● Blog post on smoke and COVID risk.</li> <li>● Video on mitigating smoke risk is moving along.</li> <li>● California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) new smoke regulations.</li> </ul>	In depth briefing on new OSHA smoke regulations at June meeting.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Oregon and Washington will be following close behind California.</li> <li>○ Follows Air Quality Index. Firefighters are exempt. Will affect those working in fire camps.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Emergency Medical Committee (EMC) and Wildland Fire Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT) Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Updated guidance on COVID.</li> <li>● Draft of updated COVID testing guidance will be reviewed by Fire Management Board (FMB) next week.</li> <li>● COVID Reporting System share point. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pilot testing this week. Will work with Geographical Areas and National Multi Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) on how to introduce to the field in the next few weeks.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● OSHA- Standards for COVID. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Should be out next month. Will provide guidance on type of face mask for the workplace.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>Subcommittee Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mental Health- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reworking logo.</li> <li>○ Currently paused video project to regroup.</li> <li>○ Working on suicide prevention week for September.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Hazard Tree and Tree Felling- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Draft Chainsaw Standards need review by RMC.</li> <li>○ “When Complexity Changes,” video almost complete.</li> <li>○ Briefing BLM National Fire Operations next Wednesday.</li> <li>○ PMS- 212, Wildland Chainsaws. Chapter 2, work area control. Chapter 3, risk assessment. Work group moving forward with training to learn processes and human factors. Chapter 4, tree condition. Condensed PHD tree anatomy. Chapter 8, risk refusal. Standards backing sawyer it leaving certain trees standing. Chapter 9, advanced sawyers moving on from S-212.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● 6 Minutes for Safety- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Week of Remembrance- Final draft next week. No major changes to content. Expanding to different social media platforms. Great suggestion about highlighting those we lost during week of remembrance.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Review of Chainsaw Standards at June meeting.