

MC Meeting Notes August 12, 2021

*RMC Members Present:* Ted Mason (BLM), Erin Phelps (USFS), Kathy Komatz (NPS), Wesley Keller (NASF), Colby Jackson (Training Liaison). Adrian Grayshield (BIA), 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, Erik Apland, David Maclay Schulte

Topic & Notes	Decision
Wildland Fire Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT):	N/A
MPHAT memo coming with new COVID guidelines.	
<ul> <li>Encourage vaccination.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Attestation of percentage of vaccinated firefighters.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Focus improving mitigations from 2020.</li> </ul>	
• Region 5 test pilot for incident testing.	
<ul> <li>Testing all firefighters at check-in unless they show a vaccination card.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Dr. Symonds is working closing with pilot project.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Logistical details to work out such as where medical records will be kept?</li> </ul>	
O What will the implications be on a larger national scale?	
Mental Health Subcommittee (MHSC):	Action item- Agencies have one month to
Tasking from NWCG Executive Board to finalize the Preparedness Guide for Firefighters and Their	review Preparedness Guide.
Families as an NWCG publication.	
<ul> <li>MHSC approves document. RMC needs to approve before it goes to NWCG publications.</li> </ul>	APPROVED- Suicide Prevention
Suicide Prevention messages all reviewed by clinicians.	messages.
<ul> <li>Once RMC has approved will go to NWCG publications.</li> </ul>	
• Miranda Stuart will remain chair due to lots of movement within MHSC. Transition to new chair this	Action item- Erin Phelps and Miranda
winter.	Stuart will meet to discuss modifying the
<ul> <li>Mental Health WSTAR Video.</li> </ul>	video so Forest Service can approve.
<ul> <li>Adjoining workbook not finalized.</li> </ul>	RMC will discuss at September meeting.
<ul> <li>Lots of feedback.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Two clinicians reviewed.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Forest Service can't support that Employee Assistance Program (EAP) does not work for</li> </ul>	
everyone. Agency standard is EAP.	
<ul> <li>Also concerned with the statement that suicides are increasing without supporting statistics.</li> </ul>	
6 Minutes for Safety (6MFS) and Hazard Tree and Felling Subcommittee (HTTFS):	APPROVED- Final Draft with addition o
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> draft of Recommendation to Transition Management of the 6 Minutes for Safety Program, completed.	LLC and States connection statement.

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<ul> <li>Concern that the move would leave out the States. But Lessons Learned Center (LLC) assures they are</li> </ul>	
very connected with the States.	
<ul> <li>Recommend adding that LLC is tied in with the States.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>PMS 212, NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Chainsaw Operations is out.</li> </ul>	
Working on Leadership Levels for sawyer positions.	
NWCG Updates:	N/A
<ul> <li>Many committees have canceled meetings due to fire season.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Tim Blake will be back with NWCG/RMC.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>NWCG publications is ready to make, Preparedness Guide for Firefighter and Their Families, a priority</li> </ul>	
once it is approved.	
<ul> <li>Comment that Advisory definition change may be confused with Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisories (red</li> </ul>	
hatched borders); Chris Marks will reach out to Fire Environment Committee (FENC).	
Aviation Risk Management Subcommittee (ARMS):	Action item- Schedule ARMS for report
<ul> <li>Invited ARMS representative to January RMC meeting and RMC is invited to ARMS March meeting.</li> </ul>	out at January RMC meeting.
<ul> <li>ARMS suggested a possible operator liaison from the field.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Discussed with ARMS and National Interagency Aviation Committee (NIAC) about interaction</li> </ul>	
concerning SAFENETs, SAFECOMs, and all aviation risks.	
Build relationships and maintain awareness.	
Safety Gram:	N/A
<ul> <li>Corrected 2012 Safety Gram is on the RMC website.</li> </ul>	
• 72 hour reports have been helpful.	
Devils Creek injured list may increase.	
Lessons Learned Center (LLC):	N/A
<ul> <li>Lots of recent Rapid Lesson Sharing (RLS) reports.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Gear burn over, feller buncher rollover, and chain strike.</li> </ul>	
New Podcast on entrapments.	
<ul> <li>Analyzed 350 reports dating back to 1910.</li> </ul>	
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH):	N/A
<ul> <li>Oregon OSHA emergency rules to protect firefighters from excessive heat and smoke.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Requiring employers to provide N95 masks and training for heat and smoke exposure.</li> </ul>	
Wildland firefighter respirator in design and testing phase.	
SAFENET Update:	Action item- Invite Karma to September
Website updated.	RMC meeting for discussion on
<ul> <li>Need to set clear process for SAFENETs.</li> </ul>	SAFENET.
<ul> <li>Waiting on corrective action to release a current SAFENET.</li> </ul>	

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RMC needs to stay updated on SAFENETs for trends.	
Safety Officer Line (SOFR) and Safety Officer Type 3 (SOF3) Update:	N/A
<ul> <li>Incident Position Descriptions (IPD) edits finished.</li> </ul>	
Wildfire endorsement in limbo.	
<ul> <li>Has been a request to change SOFR to SOFL.</li> </ul>	