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<p>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIL names NWCG and will likely affect RMC and MHSC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emphasis on firefighter mental health, and mitigating environmental hazards. ○ Agencies currently socializing and building staffing/budget proposals. ○ RMC and MHSC will need advice from experts (Dr./Clinician/etc.) as this evolves. • MPHAT discussing their direction beyond COVID. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Potential evolution to general health and wellness. ○ Could analyze current research and propose of new research. • Majority of environmental hazards are addressed in various NWCG products. Increased emphasis may be valuable on these topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UAS and night flying. ○ Smoke, particulates and respirators. ○ Other new and emerging hazards. 	N/A
<p>Publication Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Chainsaw Operations, PMS 212</i> ○ <i>Preparedness Guide for Firefighters and Their Families</i> • In progress- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Fitness and Work Capacity 2009 Edition, PMS 304-2</i> ○ <i>Work Capacity Test Administrators Guide, PMS 307</i> • Future updates- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Agency Administrator’s Guide to Critical Incident Management, PMS 926</i> ○ <i>NWCG Report on Wildland Firefighter Fatalities in the United States: 2007-2016, PMS 841</i> 	Erin Phelps will look at updating the Agency Administrator’s Guide.
<p>Research Requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to develop process for evaluating and responding to requests. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Criteria and vetting. ○ NWCG role is unclear. ○ Coordinated approach. ○ Interagency requests. 	<p>Bill Troup, Corey Butler, and Kat Navarro will discuss with a solicitor.</p> <p>Improve canned response language.</p> <p>Add topic to March agenda.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Collectively identify and filter. ○ Who can approve? ● Innovative Thinker Process- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equipment Technology Committee (ETC) developed. ○ Approved by Executive Board (EB). ○ Good model to evaluate initial information. 	
<p>NWCG Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No tangible asks yet regarding BIL. ● February EB Meeting- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preparedness Guide summary of changes will be published mid-March if approved. ○ Captain Brian Hughes Corrective Action Plan. ○ Fire Shelter Advisory. ● 6 Minutes for Safety (6MFS) Week of Remembrance moving along. 	N/A
<p>USFS Risk Calculator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tool for ground resources to discuss risk with peers and supervisors. ● Real-time risk assessment tool. ● Common operating picture. ● Anchored to objectives and mission. ● Enhance safety briefings before projects are started. ● Available for anyone to download the app. ● Released December 2021. ● No reporting or data collection in the app. ● Risk Assessment Tool (RAT)- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quick method for assessing risk associated with six elements that contribute to higher risks on projects. ○ Six elements: supervision, planning, leader’s intent, team fitness, environment, duration/complexity. ○ Probability of success. ○ Based on US Coast Guard, GAR Model. ○ Questions developed to get crews talking about results of RAT. ● Rapid Risk Assessment (RRA)- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Based on concept that, Risk=Severity/Consequence x Probability. 	N/A
<p>Lessons Learned Center (LLC) Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2021 Safety Gram posted. ● Year End Summary- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Field uses extensively. 	N/A

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Statistics and lessons. ● Field Operating position outreach will be coming out soon. ● Currently undergoing business analysis of the website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ URL could change to .gov. 	
<p>Subcommittee Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mental health Subcommittee (MHSC)- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preparedness Guide summary of changes. ○ Retirement module. ● 6 Minutes for Safety (6MFS)- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working with publications on social media. ○ Possibility moving 6MFS Facebook page under NWCG’s page. ○ Develop leader’s intent for new 6MFS chair. ○ Recruitment of members, more operators. Have NTDP and LLC reps identified. ● Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Subcommittee (HTTFS)- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Briefing EB on Caption Brian Hughes taskings. Four elements complete. ○ Advanced Chainsaw, S-312. Engaged with NWCG training, developing standards and Incident Position Descriptions (IPDs). ○ Working with NICC to create definition of Faller Module. 	<p>Develop leader’s intent for new 6MFS chair. Recruit new 6MFS membership from agencies; “operators” preferred.</p>
<p>National Training and Development Program (NTDP) Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PPE- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waiting on DLA to finalize contracting. ○ Boot project multifaceted longer term FY24. Report out with recommendations. Review of boot standards. ● Exposure to carcinogens this spring. 	N/A
<p>National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Soiled Nomex project- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ OWCP process/improvements. ○ Looking at wash impacts. 	N/A
<p>Emergency Medical Committee (EMC) and Wildland Fire and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FMB memo endorsing MPHAT COVID 2022 guidance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Still under same COVID postures. ○ Mitigations, testing, consistent use of COVID tracker. ○ Importance of Health Coordinator. ● Meeting with FMB next week to coordinate testing approach. 	N/A
<p>SOF3/SOFR Task Group Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue to use SOFR until DOI decides if we can have SOF3. 	N/A

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing new entry level Safety position (SOFF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drafting IPD. 	
<p>Red Book “Days Off” Task Group Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No firm tasking yet. • Intent is to develop science-based RMC opinion on days off best practices. • May include work/life balance recommendations. 	Briefing paper due to RMC for June call.
<p>SAFENET Improvements Task Group Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to resolve issue with automatic posting without agency review. 	N/A