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<p>Fall/Winter Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RMC is invited to the ETC Equipment Technology Committee (ETC) in-person meeting October 25th-27th. Suggestion to have an in-person Joint Session with RMC and Subcommittees. 	<p>Eric Fransted will send out Doodle Poll with possible dates.</p> <p>Next RMC Meeting July 14th. No June Meeting.</p>
<p>Wildland Fire Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT)/COVID Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incident COVID Tracker 2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since 4/21/22 (48) confirmed cases. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Southwest Region. Last 7-days (8) confirmed cases reported. Forest Service Tracker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last 7-days (121) 37 firefighters. MPHAT 2022 Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID vaccination and boosters. Masking implemented per COVID Community Level. Use Module of One approach. Minimize the size and number of personnel at Incident Command Post (ICP) and utilize remote positions. Physical distancing. Continued use of radio or video briefings. Daily COVID screenings. Testing will be prioritized for individuals with symptoms and asymptomatic with recent exposure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing protocols driven by Agency policy. 	<p>N/A</p>
<p>SAFENET Improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received feedback that the website was “word heavy.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created submission issues. Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document edits. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace corrective action with addressed by Agency. Replace Annual Summary tab with Annual Statistics. 	<p>APPROVAL of recommendations.</p> <p>Karma Hope will research ideas for app development.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completing the Annual Summary is a heavy workload and has not been updated since 2015. ▪ Annual Statistics can be updated each year. ○ Remove the Forms tab. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Antiquated. • SAFENET Overhaul: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Possible future NWCG budget request. ○ RMC will need to identify business need and then work through the Wildland Fire Information and Technology (WFIT) process. 	
<p>Safety Gram:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatality additions since last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elwood, 702, Cente Conejos, Calaveras, and BLM death in service. ○ 702 and BLM death in service do not receive USFA notification. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State Fire Marshal did a Rapid Lesson Sharing (RLS) for 702 fatality. ▪ Used Sierra Vista news release for the BLM service fatality. • Encourage Agencies to release a 24-hour report on all deaths. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Formally acknowledging. ○ Case by case basis due to some unknowns. 	<p>Voting members to discuss stance of releasing a 24-hour report on fatalities within their agencies.</p> <p>APPROVAL to post mid-year draft of the Safety Gram on the website.</p> <p>Kelly Woods will continue to send out data analysis via email.</p>
<p>Red Book “Days Off” Task Group Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need more time to sort through Military research. • Good discussion within the group. 	<p>Plan to move forward by next week.</p> <p>Eric Fransted will update NWCG Executive Board in July.</p>
<p>US Forest Service Biofeedback (WHOOP Band) Project Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do lifestyle behaviors impact health and wellbeing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Actionable and informed data can promote changes in behavior improving overall wellbeing. ○ Wearable wellness tool that provides personalized health metrics. ○ Grassroots effort base on three Interagency Hotshot Crews (IHCs) utilizing bands and making changes in behaviors which contributed to overall wellbeing. ○ 600 bands across Fire and Aviation personnel. • Main components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sleep, strain, and recovery. • Sleep Debt: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tracked June through September. ○ Graph shows sleep debt reduced in July following increase to three days off. ○ Sleep performance increase following increase to three days off. • Behavioral Changes Actionable Data: 	<p>N/A</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individual: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improved sleep hygiene. ▪ Better awareness for stressors. ▪ Reduced alcohol consumption. ▪ Greater awareness of overtraining leading to injury. ▪ Dietary changes. ○ Organizational: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Modified time for morning briefings to allow for an extra hour of sleep. ▪ Drivers chosen considering individual recovery. ▪ Reduced screen time before bed. ▪ No big meals before bed and increased smaller meals and snacking during the day. ▪ Deliberate hydration. 	
<p>Complex Incident Management (CIM):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many unknowns at this point but CIM is progressing forward. • Provided Safety Officer recommendations for Type 2 to transition to CIM. • Working on Risk and Complexity Analysis. 	N/A
<p>Subcommittee Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Subcommittee (MHSC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Patricia O’Brien transitioning as chair. ○ Need to recruit a Co-chair. ○ Continuing work on Retirement Project. ○ Suicide Prevention Week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Each Agency will submit ideas by July meeting. ▪ Draft need to be to Publications by August. • 6 Minutes for Safety (6MFS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jennifer Myslivy is the new chair. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reviewed leader’s intent from RMC. ○ Week of Remembrance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developing roll out message with mental health emphasis, encouraging personal connection with those who experienced these events. • Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Subcommittee (HTTFS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working with NWCG and Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) on Faller 3. 	Suicide Prevention week ideas due by July meeting.
<p>Lessons Learned Center Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Podcast, lessons from last year. • New documents posted to the website. 	N/A

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<p>National Training and Development Program (NTDP) Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe Domitrovich back from detail. • Supply chain and food shortages this year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gloves issue resolved. ○ May be requesting RMC’s input for food alternatives. 	N/A
<p>National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with CAL Fire on advisory for respiratory protection for wildland firefighting and wildland urban interface operations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CAL Fire is issuing guidance that respiratory protection “Class 3” which means a powered air purifying respirator (PAPR). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Currently no respiratory on the market to meet qualifications. ▪ Language subject to change. ▪ Does not apply to Federal or other States employees. ▪ Next steps realistic implementation. • Fire Science Network workshop next week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Three days on firefighter wellbeing. • Upcoming Projected Travel Changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Safer Federal Workforce Task Force has nothing in writing yet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Possibility for testing requirements before and/or after travel. ▪ Further clarification on what to do following a COVID-19 positive test, symptoms, or diagnosis before, during, and after travel days. • Updates to Mandatory Vaccination for Federal Employees and Federal Contractors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Executive Order 14043 (federal employees) may be enforceable in the near future. ○ Executive Order 14042 (contractors) is still enjoined ○ How to determine if an employee is <i>up to date</i> on their vaccinations: <i>Up to date</i> for Federal employees for determining return to work criteria following a close contact exposure is having at least one booster. ○ For DOI, additional guidance on how to determine if an employee is up to date is forthcoming 	N/A