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Darci Drinkwater (Executive Secretary), Katy O’Hara (NWCG Coordinator)

Guests: Richard Smith (FEMA)

Topic & Notes	Decision
<p>NWCG Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O’Hara will be the NWCG coordinator for RMC until a detailer is in place behind Blake. • Incident Position and Training Modernization (IPTM) has started. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Helicopter Crew Member (HECM) and Safety Officer, Line (SOFF or SOFF) are first two positions. • NWCG Tasking Memo 23-002, Creation of Performance Support Packages for Incident Positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Directs chairs who have stewardship of the ten incident positions identified to create Performance Support Packages, which include incident position descriptions, incident standards, and position task books (PTBs) for their incident position with the support of the selected contracted vendor and NWCG staff. ○ RMC has already formed a task group, updated IPDs and updated the webpage. ○ Met yesterday with NWCG training regarding SOFF. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Incident Position and Standards Committee (IPSC) has approved SOFF. ○ RMC will need SMEs to assist contractor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meeting June at Boise. • Feel current SOFR is too broad a scope and should be Safety Officer Type 3. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New safety officer position will be in the field. ▪ Type 3 level safety has become more demanding. • Tasking coming to RMC regarding Incident Strategic Alignment Process (ISAP). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interested in making ISAP an NWCG standard. ○ Meeting May 3rd to discuss. • <i>NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire First Aid, PMS 560:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Standards approved. ○ Need to decide how to train people to those standards, will be at the agencies discretion but RMC can influence. 	<p>Discussion on the IPTM Process for SOFF added to May Agenda.</p>
<p>Red Book Edits Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mesh eyewear language will be in the Red Book. • Need to clarify language to change the definition of an assignment in the Red Book. 	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Chainsaw Training Proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S-212, Wildland Fire Chainsaws is the only NWCG training offered for all three IQCS sawyer positions. 	<p>RMC supports concept. Vet through agencies and report back at May meeting.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Hughes Corrective Action Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NWCG Executive Board (EB) approved advanced chainsaw course in February 2022. ○ Completed <i>NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Chainsaw Operations</i>, PMS 212. ○ Sorted all standards into either basic or advanced. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Found that many standards are in the middle. ▪ Decided that content in PMS 212 would be best delivered through three separate courses, one for each sawyer position. • Proposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The SME group and HTTFSC has determined the need to provide three chainsaw courses. Each position will have a specific training course, and PTB. ○ S-112: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inexperienced sawyer. ▪ Self-study, pre-course work. ▪ One day classroom and two days in the field. ▪ Certification of completion and PTB for Faller Type 3 (FAL3) will be issued. ○ S -212: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Experienced sawyers at the FAL3 level. ▪ Self-paced online. ▪ Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center (LLC) database. ▪ Exploring risk, complexity, cutting techniques, tree growth and decay. ▪ Certification of completion and Faller Type 2 (FAL2) PTB will be issued. ▪ Continuing education, submit nomination will be approved by supervisor. ○ S-312: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Experienced sawyers at the FAL2 level. ▪ One day classroom and two days in the field. ▪ Curriculum referenced in the Brian Hughes Fatality Corrective Action Plan. ▪ Certification of completion and PTB for Faller Type 1 (FAL1) issued. • Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Utilizing online curriculum for FAL2 will diminish delays transitioning from FAL3 to FAL2 while providing structured continuing education content. • Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Engaging with a conversation with the States next Thursday. ○ Submit a request for change. FS needs time to vet. ○ Still working out details with FS Thinking Sawyer. ○ Create a Transition Plan. 	<p>McFarland will make any presentations if requested.</p>
<p>Days Off/Fatigue/Work/Rest Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received comments on whether we should we start with research or adjust policy first? 	<p>N/A</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will need help to design research. ○ Can start adjusting policy while doing research. ● Presenting at joint meeting with NWCG EB, FMB, and NMAC next week. ● Long term project. ● Policies to manage fatigue were created 20+ years ago. ● DOI moving towards 3 days off? ● Closing loopholes in current policy is a start. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resetting days off before go on assignments. Good practice but not stated. ▪ Will need a new proposal. ● Health summit “priorities” exercise did not rate fatigue very high. Top 3 were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Case management ○ Health monitoring (which could include fatigue but didn’t in this exercise) ○ Expanding clinician access. 	
<p>6 Minutes for Safety Proposed Daily Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UAS Intrusions, Powerline Safety, Active Shooter, and Valley Fever. ● A few comments on the Valley Fever topic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Important to brief incoming resources of local hazards. 	Approval of new topics.
<p>2023 Incident Management Remote Response (IMRR) Safety Incident within an Incident (IWI) Plan Discussion/Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Socialized, some comments and concerns. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Too much? ○ Can an average team do all this? ○ Some Agency Administrators (AA) concerned with Safety Officers initiating investigations. ● Room for improvement in layout. ● IMRR open to feedback. ● Good product but needs pushed through scenarios. 	Ongoing topic for discussion.
<p>Agency Administrator’s Guide to Critical Incident Management, PMS 926 Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Work continues on PMS 926. ● Looking to expand beyond just AAs and include those at the single resource level. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Addressing gap in the publication. ○ Framework on what is happening in the background. ● Blake would be willing to assist. 	N/A
<p>Subcommittee Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hazard Tree/Tree Felling Subcommittee (HTTFS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next chair lined up. ○ Working on succession plan and charter. 	N/A

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Lessons Learned Center (LLC) Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website updates moving along. • Draft Safety Gram is posted on RMC webpage. 	
National Technology and Development Program (NTDP) Tech Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing with the smoke exposure study. • Working on Pack test guide. • Fire shelters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Found on sale on Amazon for \$500. ○ Now description says the shelter does not meet FS specs. ○ Description does state they are made by Anchor industries but aren't. ○ Case says meets USDA specs. ○ Passing information to the Office of General Council. ○ Difficult to find the shelters on Amazon. • Fire shelter training website live in the next week or two. • Fire shelter folding process moving forward. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agency approval still needed. ○ Design aspects to workout. ○ Could prolong service life. ○ Need to have comparative studies to evaluate wear and tear. ○ Will not meet FS spec unless change the FS spec. ○ Whole new item to manage by NTDP. ○ Work with agencies to test. ○ Mystery Ranch will fund their part of the program. • Prototype unisex pants for this fire year. 	N/A
Science Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted OMB request for long term health study. 	N/A
Research Request: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advancing Wellbeing of Wildland Firefighters (ohsu.edu) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Already funded. ○ Learning modules for awareness. ○ Asking RMC to promote product to firefighters. ○ Still need to figure out research request/approval process. 	Look through website and vet.
RMC SOPs and Succession Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fransted will remain chair for 6 months to a year if someone is willing to be the vice chair. • Need to develop SOPs. 	Select Vice Chair at next meeting.

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