



RMC Members Present: Tim Blake (BLM), Mack McFarland (NPS), Darryl Jones (NASF), Mack McFarland (NPS), Christa Hale (NIOSH), Erin Phelps (USFS), Troy Phelps (BIA), Ric Smith (FEMA), David Maclay-Schulte (USFS), Molly West (USFS), Kat Navarro (CDC), Eric Fransted (FWS-RMC Chair).

Carmen Thomason (NWCG Coordinator), Darci Drinkwater (Executive Secretary)

Guests: Joe Sol (USFS), Travis Dotson, Persephone Whelan (USFS)

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<p>Work Capacity Test (WCT) Administrator’s Guide Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legacy document that needed updates to medical standards and policy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overarching to apply to all agencies. • Cold Stress: Air temperatures, including wind chill, must be > 34 degrees Fahrenheit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ < 34 degrees for the WCT is moderate risk for hyperthermia without movement. ○ Once walking started the risk falls to low. ○ Time outside at >34 degrees should be minimized. ○ Need flexibility with a wavier or justification. ○ Complete a risk assessment before. ○ This standard derived from the Air Force standard. 	<p>Fransted and Sol will finalize the WCT guide and send out to RMC for review with an executive summary of changes.</p>
<p>U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Roadside Safety Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Products to increase knowledge of fighting fire in the WUI. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Traffic Incident Management at Wildland Fires ○ Establish Traffic Management Card ○ Roadway Incident Cue Card 	<p>Fransted will submit RMC’s comments as discussed.</p>
<p>Finalize Environmental Hazards Definition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture, shall develop and adhere to recommendations of mitigation strategies for wildland firefighters to minimize exposure due to line-of-duty environmental hazards. • Definition of wildland fire personnel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Includes any individual that is trained in fire prevention or suppression. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Those working in fire camp are included. ○ Reference authoritative NDAA in the document. • Include DWR finishes on clothing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Which impart chemicals. • Suggest keeping nutrition and hydration off the list of environmental hazards because those are mitigations to hazards. 	<p>Maclay-Schulte and Navarro will work on language for DWR finishes on clothing.</p> <p>Navarro will finalize Environmental Hazards Definition document and distributed to RMC for review.</p> <p>Next steps, larger task group of Safety Officers and Fire Mangers to review mitigations and come to agreement.</p>



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<p>Fatigue Research Memorandum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for tasking the Wildland Firefighter Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT) with developing a wildland firefighter fatigue research project. 	<p>Fransted will finalize memorandum and present to the NWCG Executive Board (EB) in August.</p>
<p>RMC Administration Work Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create standard operating procedures (SOPs) with chair rotation. Create Safety Officer Toolbox on webpage and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 215r, ISAP documents, Incident Within an Incident (IWI) Plan template, Incident Management Response Roundtable (IMRR) Active Shooter Plan OHSU Total Wildland Firefighter Health link. IWI Plan is not 508 accessible yet so it cannot be posted. Toolbox documents create a community of practice and a place for organizational learning for piloting ideas that can become standards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landing page for working documents. 	<p>Review OHSU Total Wildland Firefighter Health Link prior to August RMC meeting. Advancing Well-Being of Wildland and WUI FF (ohsu.edu)</p>
<p>Safety Zone Guidelines Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incident Position and Standards Committee (IPSC) is looking at the recommended changes to safety zone guidelines. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft document to test this summer that is simplified for field use. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> QR code for feedback. 	<p>N/A</p>
<p>National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) Tasking for incident within an IWI Standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential tasking coming to RMC from NMAC regarding IWI standard. 	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Safety Officer, Field (SOFF) Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change will be included in 2024 version of <i>NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications</i>, PMS 310-1. Subject matter expert (SMEs) and contractor for the Incident Position and Training Modernization (IPTM) will meet next week. 	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Agency Administrator’s Guide to Critical Incident Management, PMS 926 Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making progress. Developing content for Fire Mangers later currently want to maintain the focus of the document on Agency Administrators. 	<p>N/A</p>
<p>NWCG Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NWCG Coordinator met with O’Brien to review Suicide Prevention Week materials. NWCG EB released Memorandum 23-005 Summary of NWCG Complex Incident Management Implementation Decisions https://www.nwcg.gov/sites/default/files/memos/eb-m-23-005.pdf 	<p>RMC will review Suicide Prevention Week materials in August.</p>



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<p>Subcommittees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6MFS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ After action review (AAR) set for September. ○ Working with Sol on firefighter nutrition and fitness topics. • Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Subcommittee (HTTFS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Faller 1,2,3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SME’s meeting twice a week. ▪ Continuing work with Softtech. ▪ USFS Thinking Sawyer incorporated. ▪ Beta course mid-winter. ○ Discussion about White Bark Pine as an endangered species. ○ Working on transition plan for new chair. • Mental Health Subcommittee (MHSC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working on Suicide Prevention materials. 	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Lessons Learned Center (LLC) Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making progress on the new website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Version 1 should be available next week. • Gathering best practices from those traveling to Canada. 	<p>APPROVAL of Safety Gram Submission.</p>
<p>Science Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire shelters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Goal to have DLA to contractors September 1st. ○ Request for a new company to get USFS approved. ○ Looking into criminal activity for company selling unapproved shelters. ○ CALFIRE safety alert circulating on Mystery Ranch packs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If packs are taken off before taking the shelter out the problem is mitigated. • Women’s pants are currently on back order. • Boot Survey working on final document. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1,900 responses • Progressing on Dispatcher Stress study. • Respirators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) does not approve respirator for the environment. ○ Must be enrolled in a Respirator Protection Program which is currently not available. 	

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<p>Tech Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewing draft of Exposure to Carcinogens.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ USFS will be reviewing this month.• Boot Project, Occupational Health, and Safety Administration (OSHA) is reviewing.• New project with Greening looking at portable power options for fire camps.• Four projects supporting CAP.	