



RMC Members Present: Tim Blake (BLM), Mack McFarland (NPS), Darryl Jones (NASF), Mack McFarland (NPS), Troy Phelps (BIA), Ric Smith (FEMA), Persephone Whelan (USFS), Molly West (USFS), Mike Proud (NWS), Richard Evoy (NIOSH), Kelly Woods (LLC), Eric Fransted (FWS-RMC Chair).

Carmen Thomason (NWCG Coordinator), Katy O'Hara (NWCG Coordinator), Darci Drinkwater (Executive Secretary)

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<p>Fall/Winter RMC Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Scheduled for Jan. 30th - Feb. 1st in the NIFC Jack Wilson Multi-purpose room.Subcommittee chairs invited and are welcome to bring members (offers good exposure and worked well last year).Using last year's agenda as a rough draft:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Day-1: Firefighter health theme/MHSCDay-2: Field hazards theme/HTTFSDay-3: SAFENET, 6 Minutes for Safety, update Safety Gram, RMC succession	Email Fransted with any suggestions.
<p>Respirator Safety Bulletin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fire Shelter and Personal Protective Equipment Subcommittee discussed and reviewed bulletin, trying to perfect the wording.Themes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Explain guidance for wildland fire from National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and NFPA.Articulating safety trade offs when wearing a respirator.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Misconceptions, protection from particulates could lead to more exposure to CO.Options and alternatives, if possible.Mandatory versus voluntary programs, neither fall under the occupation of wildland fire.Incorporate NIOSH hierarchy of controls graphic.Need to be very cognitive of when and where wearing a respirator is beneficial and when they are not.	<p>West and Navarro can assist with the bulletin.</p> <p>Fransted will reach out to Alyssa Givens from National Park Service.</p> <p>Fransted will continue work on draft bulletin.</p>
<p>Fatigue Research Memorandum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">NWCG Executive Board (EB) will review the final draft next week.Changed wording from research project to research plan.The Fire Management Board (FMB) supported direction at October 11th meeting.<ul style="list-style-type: none">NWCG will become an ad hoc member of Wildland Fire Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT).Concerns about budget and missing the Joint Fire Sciences (JSP) funding deadline.<ul style="list-style-type: none">JSP has money earmarked for firefighter wellness.Need clarity from EB and to better define what we are asking before we request funds.	<p>West will update research she collected and distribute to RMC.</p> <p>Navarro can connect RMC with researchers from British Columbia.</p>

Additional information beyond these meeting notes (i.e. handouts, presentations, maps, etc.) will require a FOIA request to ensure proper privacy regulations are followed. Please request via FOIA Online website at <https://www.doi.gov/foia/make-a-request>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Still wrestling with how to define the problem.	
RMC Website: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revised hot topics.• Posted OHSU Total Wildland Firefighter Health link.• Safety Officer toolkit:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Continued vetting Incident Management Remote Roundtable (IMRR) active shooter plan.• Added more links.• Updated roster	N/A
NWCG Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• O'Hara will be taking over as the RMC coordinator.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Transition in November.• Website migration is on track for November 6th.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Requested to hold off on changes until after the transition date.• Annual Meeting in February.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Committee chairs and sub chairs are invited.○ 2-days in Boise at the Idaho Office of Emergency Management.○ National Incident Management System Integration Committee (NIMSIC) is hosting the meeting.○ Host committee will rotate each year.	N/A
Subcommittees: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 Minutes for Safety (6MFS):<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UAS) message is being revised.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reframing the message for what firefighters should be aware of in the field.○ September 20th there will be an after-action review (AAR) for the Week of Remembrance (WOR).○ Met last month:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Looking at five new topics; physical fitness and nutrition.○ Topics updated on the 6MFS calendar through December.○ Will be conducting an after-action review for the Week of Remembrance (WOR).<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Will be connecting with Coulter for a communication plan.▪ Focusing on one incident with seven lessons for next year with Yarnell and South Canyon as side boards.▪ Establish guiding principles document for WOR.• Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Subcommittee (HTTFS):<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Incident Position and Standards Committee (IPSC) approved three-part sawyer training.○ Posting monthly notes.○ Sent in updates for Incident Response Pocket Guide.○ S-212, Wildland Fire Chainsaws:	O'Hara will share examples of standard operating procedures with RMC and subcommittees.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Moving along ▪ Going line by line ▪ Test course in Florida in February and March. ▪ 2nd test course in Yosemite. ○ Establishing a subject matter expert group for Felling Boss. ○ Glossary terms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Replacing “widow maker,” with “overhead hazard.” ▪ Replacing “dutchman,” with “by-pass.” • Mental Health Subcommittee (MHSC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New National Association of Fire Chiefs representative. ○ Working on retirement guide, possibility of incorporating a video. ○ <i>Agency Administrator’s Guide to Critical Incident Management</i>, PMS 926: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Moving forward ▪ Meeting in November ▪ Determining what needs to be updated and what is out of date. ▪ Looking into media options. ▪ Will notify NWCG Media and Publications. 	
Lessons Learned Center (LLC) Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff is testing phase two of the website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Library, facilitated learning analysis, podcasts, and blog will be next. • Learning documents submitted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lightning complex dozer entrapments ○ Broadway fire helicopter accident ○ Tecuya fire water drop incident 	N/A
Science Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working to better define roles. • Working to better characterize firefighter injuries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Data tracking of exposures to traumatic events. • Congressional inquiry on severe incidents for first responders resulting in more than one night in the hospital. • Will be discussing how to best track innovations and tread analysis. 	N/A
Tech Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoke jumper equipment specialist are working on base reviews. • Boot project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rationale behind why wildland firefighter boots ended up in the logging and fisheries standard. ○ Guide to better options. 	N/A



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Will have a draft out soon.● Portable power solutions projects:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Looking for more sustainable options.	