



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).

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. Van Hemlryck suggested RMC discuss lithium-ion battery hazards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fransted will contact presenters on this topic. Incident Strategic Alignment Process (ISAP) will also be discussed. | Email Fransted with any suggestions. |
| <p>S-130, Firefighter Training vs. S-130 “Arduous” Proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incident and Position Standards Committee (IPSC) drafted a briefing paper, Proposal for New Suppression Skills Course for Non-Firefighter Positions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To create a mechanism for personnel who are not firefighters to gain content knowledge of basic wildland firefighting operations. Repurposing the self-directed (online) content from the S-130 blended course into a new online course called S-129, Introduction to Wildland Fire Operations. | Fransted will invite an IPSC representative to discuss S-129 at the Fall/Winter Meeting. |
| <p>Respirator Safety Bulletin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-engaging the group. Navarro will review bulletin. | N/A |
| <p>Fatigue Research Memorandum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there still interest in a fatigue guide? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guides can be easier than creating a standard. Could be wasted effort until study parameters are set and/or complete. Lessons Learned Center (LLC) could post Podcasts/Blogs on the subject. Fatigue portal with latest information, similar to the fire shelter portal. Fish and Wildlife proposed Redbook edits to mitigate fatigue. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressing home unit and reset loopholes. Interagency Hotshot Crew Programmatic Review (usda.gov) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link provides general recommendations for fatigue. | West is working on literature review update. RMC representatives to share resources on fatigue. Consider an LLC Blog/video on fatigue. |
| <p>RMC Website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety Officer (SOFF) Toolkit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued vetting Incident Management Remote Roundtable Active shooter plan. Annual updates for SOFF Toolkit will be added to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). RMC SOPs: | Decision on active shooter post at January meeting. Fransted requesting volunteers to finalize the RMC SOPs by Fall/Winter Meeting. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Executive Board will be issuing a memorandum directing that each committee has a chair rotation in place. ○ Each committee has the discretion to create their own rotation. ○ Agencies that cannot meet obligations will be required to find another representative. ○ All committees are chartered under the NWCG Master Charter. ○ Subcommittees can use RMC SOPs or develop their own. | <p>O’Hara will share examples of SOPs with RMC and subcommittees. MacFarland will work on current draft SOP.</p> |
| <p>NWCG Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Incident Performance and Training Modernization (IPTM) SOFF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First round of deliverables complete. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft Position Standards ▪ Position Analysis Report ○ Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review materials ▪ Deliverables can be shared. ▪ Provide recommendations to contractor. 15 business days to provide concurrence. ▪ Phase 2 condensed timelines. ● ISAP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jim Shultz point of contact for the ISAP Task Team. ○ Ben Curtis is leading the tasking. ○ Erica Lamb is engaged as a representative from NWCG. | <p>Respond to O’Hara by November 30.</p> |
| <p>Agency Administrators Guide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Incorporated Redbook additions for 2025, in case of emergency. ● Additional information for context. ● Written to be scalable for everyone. | <p>N/A</p> |
| <p>Subcommittees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6 Minutes for Safety (6MFS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting next Thursday. ○ Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UAS) message is being revised. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Still fielding concerns about this topic. ○ Focusing on one incident with seven lessons for next year with Yarnell and South Canyon as side boards for Week of Remembrance (WOR). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish guiding principles document for WOR. ▪ Criteria for choosing an incident. ● Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Subcommittee (HTTFS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ S-212, Wildland Fire Chainsaws: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Test course in Florida in February and March. | |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2nd test course in Yosemite. ○ Felling Boss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Position does not require any chainsaw experience. ▪ Considering addition of pre-S-112 training to IPSC. | |
| <p>LLC Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Gram: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One fatality UTV accident. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ USFA issued notice. • Staff is testing phase two of the website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Library, facilitated learning analysis, podcasts, and blog will be next. • Data points on UTV fires complete. • New Podcast out. | <p>Safety Gram addition APPROVED.</p> <p>Woods will send out link regarding another possible Safety Gram addition.</p> |
| <p>Science Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working to better characterize firefighter injuries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Data tracking of exposures to traumatic events. • Navarro working on smoke exposure monitoring study. • National Technology and Development Program is tracking noise data to better understand hearing protection options. | <p>N/A</p> |
| <p>Tech Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on responses to Carcinogen Study. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Once edits are complete will send back to the sponsor and then submit to the journal. • 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. ○ Framing up final report. • Portable power solutions projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Looking for more sustainable options. ○ Greening Fire Team • Casualty Assistance Program (CAP) (Forest Service): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Educational videos for Human Resources. ○ Working on edits. • Clothing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Solicitation is out. ○ Wear trial complete. ○ All clothing will now have reflective strips. | <p>N/A</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire shelter:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Increase in cost to produce.○ OSHA changed NFPA standards. | |