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

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<p><b>Fall/Winter RMC Meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ January 30: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ice breaker: What’s is your program’s main risk management challenge?</li> <li>▪ Mental Health Subcommittee (MHSC) topics</li> <li>▪ <i>Agency Administrator’s Guide to Critical Incident Management, PMS 926</i></li> <li>▪ Firefighter Health and Wellbeing Program – update</li> <li>▪ Exposure/Smoke Study/Medical Surveillance</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ January 31: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ice breaker: What’s the worst hazard firefighters currently face?</li> <li>▪ Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Subcommittee (HTTF) topics</li> <li>▪ Emergency Medical Committee projects</li> <li>▪ Risk Assessment Tools</li> <li>▪ Managing firefighter fatigue</li> <li>▪ Incident Strategic Alignment Process (ISAP) Tasking</li> <li>▪ Safety Officer/Incident Performance and Training Modernization (IPTM)/ISAP integration</li> <li>▪ Safety zone calculations and fire shelter stigma</li> <li>▪ Lithium-ion battery risks</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ February 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 6 Minutes for Safety (6MFS) topics</li> <li>▪ SAFENET</li> <li>▪ 2023 Accident Review</li> <li>▪ RMC succession/future, winter work</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Request to discuss OWCP Presumptive Illness Claims. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lessons Learned Center (LLC) is currently working on a podcast on this subject.</li> <li>▪ Trend tracking?</li> <li>▪ Hearing report from firefighters that claims are easily accepted but receiving payments and care is difficult.</li> <li>▪ NWCG’s role?</li> <li>▪ National Parks Service is developing a toolkit to assist firefighters.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>

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<p><b>Finalize 2023 Safety Gram:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three local entrapment cases that were difficult to find the authoritative source. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Many states and locals are under no obligation to report.</li> <li>○ Used the fire department Facebook pages as the authoritative source for these cases.</li> <li>○ Will link to the Facebook pages in the Safety Gram.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>APPROVAL of addition of the Clinton Warren fatality to the Safety Gram.</p> <p>Woods will connect with Maclay-Schulte on vehicle curtain system deployment. RMC agreed to defer to Maclay-Schulte on how to categorize this case in the Safety Gram.</p> <p>APPROVAL of 2023 Safety Gram.</p>
<p><b>Fatigue Project – Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fransted attended the Wildland Fire Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT) call. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Multitude of subject matter experts (SMEs) from NASA, Military, and industry.</li> <li>○ Topics discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Examining cognitive strain over a lifetime</li> <li>▪ Wearables to track fatigue (WHOOP Bands)</li> <li>▪ Respiratory exposure</li> <li>▪ Post shift recovery</li> <li>▪ Napping</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Safety Officer Field (SOFF) – Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting twice next week.</li> <li>• During the analysis phase SMEs decided on one online training. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conflict management and developing intrapersonal skills.</li> <li>▪ Training to have hard conversations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>S-129 vs. S-130, Firefighter Training, “Arduous” Proposal:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently have the ability to observe the field day without participating.</li> <li>• A class is not arduous. The line qualification after certification is where the arduous rating comes into play.</li> </ul>	<p>Send comments to Fransted.</p>
<p><b>RMC Website:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Web migration should be complete the end of January.</li> <li>• Still waiting on response for the Active Shooter topic.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>NWCG Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incident Performance and Training Modernization (IPTM) SOFF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Moving forward with training design phase next week.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Annual Meeting for all chairs is February 21-22 at Boise Center on the Grove. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Agenda was sent out before the Holidays.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NWCG funding requests are due January 26.</li> </ul> <p><b>Subcommittees:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mental Health Subcommittee (MHSC):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Collaborating with Joint Fire Mental Health.</li> <li>○ Developing a guide to getting help.</li> <li>○ Revising <i>A Preparedness Guide for Wildland Firefighters and Their Families</i>, PMS 600.</li> <li>○ Developing a Retirement Guide.</li> <li>○ Forest Service requested that we look at the Reset Guide.</li> <li>○ Currently meeting weekly to revise PMS 926.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>6 Minutes for Safety (6MFS):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meeting next Tuesday.</li> <li>○ Decided on the Mendocino Complex Fire for Week of Remembrance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Focusing on seven lessons learned.</li> <li>▪ Developing new graphics.</li> <li>▪ Engaging with NWCG Communications for communications plan.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Developing new daily topic on traveling outside of your geographical area, developing awareness.</li> <li>○ Request to develop a topic on wind and solar farm hazards.</li> <li>○ Creating a 2024 Strategic Work Plan.</li> <li>○ Transitioning to a new chair and co-chair in March.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>HTTFS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ S-212, Wildland Fire Chainsaws: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Test course in Florida in February and March.</li> <li>▪ Final scope of work will be complete soon.</li> <li>▪ Updating Incident Position Descriptions and job aids.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Transitioning to a new chair in February, Corey Berkebile.</li> <li>○ Engaged with the Forest Service Tree Climbing Program and Thinking Sawyer Steering Committee.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Request to share online S-212 at Annual Meeting.</p>
<p><b>LLC Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Infographic coming out soon.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Science Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working to better characterize firefighter injuries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Data tracking of exposures to traumatic events.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Navarro working on smoke exposure monitoring study.</li> <li>• National Technology and Development Program is tracking noise data to better understand hearing protection options.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>

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<p><b>Tech Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working on responses to Carcinogen Study.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Once edits are complete will send back to the sponsor and then submit to the journal.</li></ul></li><li>• Boot project:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Finalizing recommendations and then forwarding on to Nate Hess, the Forest Service Branch Chief of Equipment and Chemicals.</li></ul></li><li>• Portable power solutions projects:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Setting up a mock fire camp for companies to test portable power solutions.</li><li>○ Portable Power Team will be out again this fire season.</li></ul></li><li>• CAPS Project (Forest Service):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Five new projects.</li></ul></li><li>• Carcinogen Review Paper:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Having difficulty finding reviewers.</li></ul></li><li>• Sol and West are SMEs for the MPHAT Fatigue Project.</li></ul>	N/A