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Guests: Ben Evans (6MFS), Patricia O'Brien (BLM)

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| <p>Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMA dashboard: Released with evacuation estimation times available at link: Risk Management Assistance Dashboard • Federal Wildland Firefighter Health and Wellbeing Program: webinar series available from the program website. Great topics. Federal Wildland Firefighter Health and Wellbeing Program U.S. Department of the Interior | <p>Minutes Approval for May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion by Eric Fransted • Seconded by Tim Blake • Motion carries. No comments. |
| <p>SAFENET:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travis Parker (USFS) and Ted Adams (USFS) are still working to gain access as administrators. Tim Blake is acting as interim administrator and working closely with BLM IT. • Significant concern about the backlog in Safenet due to the transition. Current queue is 18 USFS, 3 BLM, and 1 BIA which is a fairly typical breakdown according to Karma, the previous administrator. • Broader picture: Do we still need Safenet? Is it still functioning as intended? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rapid Lesson Sharing has some overlap with Safenet, but there's still value in having Safenet as a standalone for anonymity and daylighting different types of issues. ○ Adding Safenet to WFIT is a goal if possible ○ General consensus is to keep Safenet and modernize it, update functionality | <p>SAFENET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blake will clean up backlog with Karma Hope's assistance. |
| <p>Ongoing Taskings and Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Hazards Memo (McFarland): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Being presented to NWCG EB on 18 June as an informational briefing ○ Tasking from President to identify environmental hazards faced by wildland firefighters and create a list of them with existing mitigations, including risk of associated negative impacts ○ Idea is to use the memo as an anchor/foundational support document for the health and wellbeing efforts that are beginning and on-going for wildland firefighters ○ Ask is for the EB to support the document, issue it as a memo, and approve this definition of the term in the NWCG glossary • Respirator Bulletin (Fransted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complicated issue that's operationally dependent and will vary based on employer. ○ Sets the baseline/stage for future programs. ○ Current draft is with ETC. Plan is to bring it back to NWCG EB in July. | <p>TM-24-002</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McFarland will finalize response for July NWCG EB meeting. <p>TM-24-003 and 004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify volunteers to work with EMC task team • Fransted volunteers himself and/or others within FS risk • Send names to McFarland by 21 June. If no names, EMC and NIAC will take it. <p>Safety Officer Positions</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency Administrator and REMS Risk Tools, TM-24-002 (McFarland): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No need to develop a new tool when ISAP is working on the same project. ○ Do REMs and Short Haul resources mitigate risks to firefighters? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acceptable risk vs enabling risk ▪ The resources are not mitigations of risk in themselves. They are tools to deal with consequences when bad things happen after the risk had been mitigated to an acceptable level. • Rum Creek and Big Swamp Taskings Update (Blake): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TM-24-003 and -004: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EMC is taking lead on response and has task force assembled. ▪ Task group needs volunteer experts for updating medical incident report, ICS 206, ICS 220 and advising EMC SMEs from risk management perspective. • Safety Officer Positions (Fransted): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Standards, job aids, trainings: When complete, consider a safety bulletin to explain the updated systems. Keep as an agenda item for brief updates until stabilized. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SOFF: Going through process and on track. ▪ SOFR -> SOF3: Briefing paper ready to be submitted. ▪ SOFC: nothing new • Agency Administrator's Guide to Critical Incident Management, PMS 926 (O'Brien): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting weekly. ○ In the final phases and still chipping away. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fransted will send out a draft briefing paper for comment on SOF3. |
| <p>RMC Website (McFarland):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Officer Toolkit items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review existing items and make recommended updates through webmaster. • Identify other links or documents that could be added or removed. • Webmaster position is in transition. Work is continuing but at a slower pace. | <p>RMC Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fransted and Doran volunteered to click through links. • Add OHSU Total Wildland Firefighter Health link |
| <p>OSHA Emergency Response Standard (Navarro)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment period extended to 22 July • Going through line by line and providing comments on suggestions for change on how it can be reworded/reworked to apply to wildland firefighters better • Trying to draw a line between wildland and structural/indoor environments • NWCG EB will write a letter to support and outline difference between different agencies and consensus making bodies | |



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| <p>Subcommittees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Subcommittee (MHSC) (O'Brien): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preparing for Suicide Prevention Month in September by gathering drafts and materials ○ Project in initial stages to create messages to deliver during fire season, ex: via IAP messages • 6 Minutes for Safety (6MFS) (West): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Taking July and August off. Brainstorming meeting in September. ○ Thank you to everyone who reviewed Week of Remembrance content. • Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Subcommittee (HTTFSC) (Berkebile): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Faller 3 curriculum S-212: Pilot 2 finished in Yosemite yesterday, waiting to hear on field evaluation. Knowledge gap with new curriculum across the country exists. Put out a WFSTAR or 6MFS. ○ Faller 2 course starts in 3 weeks. ○ Letter from IHC steering committee requested one standardized training system, either NWCG or FS, not a mix of both. Response will be coming out in a few weeks to go to FS to recommend on system. ○ Felling boss: revisiting taskbook. Need to finish off OTJ learning aid. | <p>6MFS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on daily topics, especially Little Venus (July 18). Looking to add a wide range of topics for future dailies. • Looking for new members in the fall. Talking to BIA and FWS. |
| <p>Lessons Learned Center – Updates (Dotson):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travis Dotson, detailed in as director • Putting out products related to organizational lessons and mental health • Working on a new Safetygram about lug nuts and wheels coming off Type 6 engines, a continuing issue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Worth investigating solutions at ground and enterprise levels. ○ Torque wrenches and wheel indicators are low level solutions. ○ RCRIT-21V398-2114.pdf (nhtsa.gov) ○ Blue Panther Prescribed Fire Broken Wheel Studs 2024 Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center (wildfire.gov) <p>Tech and Science – Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum effective footwear (West) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Good feedback from Franstad on footwear report trying to clean up report and make footwear standards more clear and consistent before making recommendations for what to do with solving the issues, outline 4 different options for moving forward • Exposure assessment and mitigation (Navarro) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Three prong pilot study this summer to look at real time exposure monitoring ○ Continuing to use Whoop bands, adding a real time monitor for PM, total volatile organic compounds, temperature, and relative humidity with cell phone linkage. | <p>Lessons Learned Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up for their email list |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Partnering with NIOSH to do field testing to collect data and find what sensors perform best and what is good enough | |
| <p>Round Robin (Advisors, BIA, BLM, FWS, FS, NPS, States, NOAA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fransted: FYI from the FS: had a couple of Valley Fever cases on a fire in the SW, 1 serious. Wanted to mention the 6MFS message on Valley Fever • Evoy: SOC – Standard Occupational Classification: proposal to change the coding to differentiate wildland firefighters from structural • More information to come on NIOSH looking into wildland firefighters: https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/default.html • Proud: New NWS spot forecast site coming June 25. New NWS Heat Risk site. • Navarro: New OSHA heat standard is coming out. It’s in executive level review now. Firefighters are exempt from this rule. | |
| <p>Next Conference Call – July 11, 2024</p> | |