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NWCG Staff: Johanna Ostling (Executive Secretary, detailed)

Guests: Brian Gales (FWS)

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<p>SAFENET:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration: The challenge to change administrators continues. Travis Parker (USFS) and Ted Adams (USFS) with Tim Blake and BLM IT to navigate the process. Karma Hope temporarily stepped back into the administrator role and caught up the backlog. Future of SafeNet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are we looking to do with it? Start with original intent, validate it, and identify how to bring it to today’s world. Are the scale and scope still appropriate? Do they need to be redefined? Suggestion to add IT rep to group, maybe someone from WFIT to coordinate movement of SafeNet to their platform. Reevaluate administrative backend for easier management. Idea to look at NASA’s setup, FS R4’s chainsaw incident reporting system. Include a PIO/PAO an educational and informational component as part of the refresh and upgrades. Cultural change to use of SafeNet. Include ownership for reporting. SAFENET (nifc.gov) – RMC webpage with information 	<p>SAFENET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Troy Phelps (BIA) and Jen Rabuck (NIMO) volunteered to help revamp the program.
<p>Ongoing Taskings and Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rum Creek and Big Swamp Taskings Update (McFarland): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TM-24-003 and -004: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EMC is taking lead; McFarland will stay engaged. Blake found two aviation volunteers from NIAC to participate. Suggestion to ask the NIMO and IMRR Safety groups for input. Agency Administrator and REMS Risk Tools, TM-24-002 (McFarland): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the agenda for the 16 July EB meeting with McFarland and Blake presenting. Much of the tasking is covered by the ISAP tasking group. Safety Officer Positions (Fransted): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work continues with IPTM contractor for course, taskbooks, standards, etc and all products are nearing completion. NextGen PTB is almost ready. Legacy taskbook seems to have fallen through the cracks. Might be easier to wait for the new one; it’s shorter and looks pretty nice. Fatigue Project 	<p>TM-24-003 and 004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blake will coordinate between groups and request guidance from NWCG as needed. Phelps will talk to Safety groups. <p>TM-24-002</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> McFarland and Blake will request a decision to closeout the tasking. <p>Safety Officer Positions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> McFarland will follow up with IPSC on request to change name for SOFR to SOF3. <p>Fatigue Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring back ideas from non-federal partners to contribute.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Task group created a briefing summary and presented to FMB week of 1 July. They included initial and future recommendations, provided strategic and tactical options. ○ Asked for FMB to release a letter of leader’s intent to the field to reinforce the best practices to reduce fatigue. ○ Finding the balance between doing enough research to have thorough findings, solid best practices, and speed of enacting changes and interventions. Focus on moving from research into policy and culture changes. ○ Similar to feedback on Respirator Safety Bulletin. We know smoke is bad, but we don’t know what to do about it and need to encourage agencies to create mitigations. ○ Ideas: incorporating showers and laundry as part of a shift, improving sleeping areas ● Agency Administrator’s Guide to Critical Incident Management, PMS 926 (McFarland): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In progress. No timeline on submitting a draft to publications. ○ Discussion about NIOSH getting involved in serious accident/fatality investigations. 	
<p>RMC Website (McFarland):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update rosters for committees and subcommittees. Send them up through the webmaster email address. ● Review existing items and make recommended updates through webmaster. ● Fransted and Doran clicked through and looked for broken links. Pages looked good. ● Assessing if the documents are the most up to date versions and/or 508 compliant. In the toolbox, the 215R is not an official NWCG form and is not 508 compliant. 	<p>RMC Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Is there support for taking ownership and creating a 215R or similar risk assessment form?
<p>OSHA Emergency Response Standard (Butler)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Still working through response. Trying to create a wildland fire section and creating an area where information is specific to wildland firefighters. ● Suggesting incorporating PMS 310-1 as training and mitigation standards. ● Some areas requiring additional effort include: respirators, decon, facility requirements, and medical surveillance. ● It will help push agencies in directions they’ve been wanting/needing to go in some cases. ● 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 	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Subcommittees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6 Minutes for Safety (6MFS) (West): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thank you for feedback on weekly topics. Little Venus is next week’s topic. ○ Aligning with Lessons Learned Center to share information and establish ways of working together ○ Group is on a break until September. ○ Website updates are in progress. Would like to add a mechanism for feedback. ● Mental Health Subcommittee (MHSC) (McFarland): 	<p>6MFS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Looking for new members in the fall. Talking to BIA and FWS. ● Week of Remembrance: Request for feedback from group members. Important to remember to include the contractors.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Main focus is on Suicide Awareness for September’s National Awareness Month. ○ Looking to simplify and do 2-3 posters for an awareness campaign due to stigma around suicide, hoping to promote more opportunities for conversation than a prevention campaign would. ○ Firefighter’s Guide to Getting Help: Idea is to create a cheatsheet to give checklists, conversation topics, etc for people to take when they go to talk to a counselor or doctor about mental health. ○ Family Preparedness Guide: How families can adapt to living with a wildland firefighter and know what to expect during fire season and the off-season. ● Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Subcommittee (HTTFSC) (McFarland): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Faller 3 curriculum S-112: Close to finalizing the curriculum. ○ Main finding through the process is a need to train the trainers to update their knowledge and teaching styles from the course as they’re used to teaching it to the updated curriculum. 	
<p>Lessons Learned Center – Updates (Dotson):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staffing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently hosting one detailer from BLM, very helpful. ○ Updating LLC Director PD before advertising. ○ Planning to advertise vacant FS position, trying to coordinate with FS to begin process. ● Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Library section now operational - houses learning focused documents not specifically affiliated with an incident. ● Data Points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wheels/Lug Nuts DP is out, still hoping to collaborate with RMC/ETC on a memo of some sort to enhance distribution and encourage implementation. ● Collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Connected with Ben Evans to explore future collaboration with 6MFS - hoping to build a regular "pipeline" from LLC material to 6MFS. ● Safety Gram <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working on updates, will have draft to McFarland next week. <p>Tech and Science – Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Portable power group: heading out at the end of July for incidents to start assessing power use and needs ● Three companies are piloting alternatives to diesel generators. Hybrid styles that did well on tests simulating fire camp usage. EERAs are being finalized. ● Heat Injury and Illness Prevention (OSHA): does not include firefighters, includes all other outdoor fed employees. Checking language to see that incident support personnel are also outside of those rules. Are firefighters exempt when they’re doing project or non-emergency response work? 	<p>Lessons Learned Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sign up for their email list
<p>Next Conference Call – August 8, 2024</p>	

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