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**Guests:** Persephone Whelan (USFS)

Topic & Notes	Decision
<p><b>Winter Face to Face Meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direction to set and new projects to outline.</li> <li>• Topics:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Complex Incident Management (CIM)</li> <li>○ Environmental health</li> <li>○ Mental health, wellness, and wellbeing</li> <li>○ Holistic safety</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Location:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Boise</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Location based on staff ride availability</li> </ul>	<p>Support to hold a winter in-person meeting.</p> <p>RMC member please send blackout dates to McFarland.</p> <p>McFarland will send out date options to the group.</p>
<p><b>SAFENET:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jen Raybuck, Brian Myers, Travis Parker, Matt Holstrom, and Eric Fransted</li> <li>• Need to help identify the workload for this group.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Develop task purpose and state for the task group.</li> <li>○ Identify founding leaders intent and authority                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fransted will search for founding authority.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Move SAFENET to a more stable platform.</li> <li>○ Work with IT management and get their perspective.</li> <li>○ Creating a database that feed the emails</li> <li>○ Realtime data to see trends</li> <li>○ SAFENET submission have evolved into complaint method.</li> <li>○ Important ties between SAFENET and the Lessons Learned Center (LLC).</li> <li>○ Need to keep anonymity.</li> <li>○ Tie in with NASA.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Troy Phelps will take the lead.</p>
<p><b>Ongoing Taskings and Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Safety Officer Positions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Core subject matter experts (SMEs) have commented on the online content.</li> <li>○ NWCG would like another SME group to review.</li> <li>○ Delay has been due to SME availability.</li> <li>○ The position is out, networking so people will use it.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Fatigue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• O’Hara will discuss RMC using a survey with NWCG Publications.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If you are currently a Safety Officer and arduous you can flip the switch in IQCS.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Incident Position and Standards (IPSC) has not voted yet although discussion is positive.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Should be approved by January.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Fatigue Project:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ongoing project with RMC to research wildland firefighter fatigue</li> <li>○ Waiting to get Leader’s intent from Fire Management Board (FMB) regarding the Wildland Fire Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT) briefing paper.</li> <li>○ Consolidating best practices from this past season.</li> <li>○ Develop a survey from State partners to request feedback from Complex Incident Management Teams (CIMTs).</li> <li>○ Fatigue management will be a topic at the CIM after action review after action review (AAR).</li> <li>○ Potential RMC questions to CIMTs:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fatigue- I'd like to capture CIMT best practices for managing/reducing fatigue on incident (i.e. improving sleep quality and quantity by allowing "decon"/shower time on the clock, quieter camps/generator placement, sleeping trailers vs. hotels, how they decide when to use hotels vs. camps, etc.). And of course, I want to know what they thought of the 7 days off rotation, limited extensions, and few early ups.</li> <li>▪ Smoke- What worked/didn't work with smoke management? Were Air Resource Advisors used? How can they be more effective?</li> <li>▪ PPE- Was there any increased emphasis on PPE cleaning/laundry/exchanging? Did firefighters ask for any of this, or seem more aware of dermal exposure concerns?</li> <li>▪ Other environmental hazards- what atypical hazards did you encounter and mitigate? What were your top safety issues/concerns this year?</li> <li>▪ Medical capability- what are your team's best practices, did you struggle with resource availability (scale of 1-10, worse than last year, etc.)? Did the REMS standard help?</li> <li>▪ Did your team use the Incident within an Incident (IWI) template and safety officer inspection checklists on the NWCG RMC page?</li> <li>▪ ISAP- this could be an entire AAR in itself. Did your team use it? Tell us your process. How did the AAs engage with you? Who led it? Did you request coaching? Was it helpful to you and the AA? Did it ultimately influence your strategy?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Federal Wildland Firefighter Health and Wellbeing:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Behavioral Health Officers met in Boise a few weeks ago for orientation.</li> <li>○ Creating webinars on health and physical fitness.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>PMS 926 – Agency Administrator Guide to Critical Incidents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need a final review and edits in October.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Respirator Bulletin:</b></li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Federal Wildland Firefighter Health and Wellbeing</a></p> <p>Send firefighter names to O’Brien for feedback.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presenting to the NWCG Executive Board (EB) next week.</li> <li>○ Keeping as a green boarder safety bulletin as opposed to a safety alert.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>RMC Website:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Safety Officer Toolkit items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Do we want to obtain NWCG certification of the 215R? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Captures the whole incident and assess risks and hazards of the entire incident.</li> <li>▪ Would need coordination with NWCG Publications.</li> <li>▪ Coordination and overlap with National Incident Management System Integration Committee (NIMSIC) because it is an Incident Command System form.</li> <li>▪ Will take some time for reviews at that high level.</li> <li>▪ Would be difficult to make the document 508 compliant.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ IWI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rapid Lesson Sharing (RLS) out on this topic: <a href="https://lessons.wildfire.gov/incident/homestead-complex-iwi-innovations-2024">https://lessons.wildfire.gov/incident/homestead-complex-iwi-innovations-2024</a></li> <li>▪ Assist in developing sideboards for standardization. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Emergency Medical Committee (EMC) is also looking at the template.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>O’Hara will come back with a recommendation for IWI next steps.</p> <p>Decision – 215R. RMC will not engage in creating a new ICS form (ICS-215R). A blank copy of the 215R will be maintained on the RMC website but it is not an official ICS or NWCG form. It is however widely used by safety officers on wildland fire events.</p> <p>Decision – IWI template. RMC will continue to work with EMC to develop an interagency IWI template that will need final approval from the NWCG EB. Current template on the RMC webpage is not an NWCG document.</p>
<p><b>NWCG Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identifying Incident Performance and Training Modernization (IPTM) process and communication gaps.</li> <li>● Establishing leader’s intent from the EB that filters down to the Subcommittee/SME level.</li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>OSHA ER Standard:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Comments from the public were posted a couple weeks ago.</li> <li>● Public meeting scheduled for November 12.</li> <li>● NWCG submitted a letter stating their standards should be considered within the rule, but we did not seek that NWCG be recognized as a voluntary consensus standard making body.</li> <li>● Need to increase engagement with NFPA committees.</li> </ul>	Add engagement with NFPA committees to Winter Meeting agenda.
<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>○ Sent out Suicide Prevention Awareness month materials to RMC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Posters, social media, and TEAMS backgrounds.</li> <li>▪ Focusing on awareness and starting a conversation as opposed to providing educational content.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	N/A

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Webinar September 24 to talk about wildland fire specific suicide issues.</li> <li>• <b>6 Minutes for Safety (6MFS):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Will be working to finish up some topics to be reviewed by RMC soon.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Subcommittee (HTTFSC):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Finalizing Faller 3.</li> <li>○ S-112 should be completed by January</li> <li>○ FAL2 course development ongoing with engaged SMEs and contractor Softek.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>LLC – Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trouble shooting website issues.</li> <li>• Will be advertising the director soon.</li> <li>• Currently have received 163 reports so far this year, last year we had 140. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Many are RLS</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Evaluating Two More Chains relevancy</li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>Tech and Science – Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental hazards project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Smoke- discussed the exposure form that some handcrews received.</li> <li>○ Requesting feedback from the form.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	N/A