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<p>NWCG Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publications staffing is changing with a new manager starting soon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Extremely limited staffing in publications. • NWCG is continuing to request permission to fill vacancies on a case-by-case basis. Each vacancy is being considered for approval. • Four Training Specialist detailers will start soon. • The NWCG budget for FY25 and FY26 have been revised multiple times. 	N/A
<p>SAFENET:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SafeNet work group is progressing well. • Modernization efforts are underway to improve multi-agency access, user-friendliness, and timely communication of safety reports. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improving accessibility for mobile devices and multimedia uploads. • Integration with Lessons Learned systems is also planned. • Aiming to implement changes during fire season. • Meeting next week to formalize changes and modernization efforts with IT. 	N/A
<p>Ongoing Taskings and Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Officer Positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Request for Change (RFC) for S-404 course requirement for Safety Officers in Type 3 and Complex positions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Incident Position and Standards Committee (IPSC) and Training Delivery Committee (TDC) will need to be notified. • Federal Wildland Firefighter Health and Wellbeing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A safety bulletin was circulated regarding laundering PPE to minimize chemical contaminants. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Feedback raised concerns about terminology (decontamination vs. laundering) and the need for clarification. • Agency Administrators Guide to Critical Incidents, PMS 926: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft PMS 926 is available for review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Please provide feedback using the excel spreadsheet provided. 	<p>Safety Officer: Fransted will submit the RFC.</p> <p>Safety Officer RFC will remain on the agenda for next month to allow for review and approval.</p> <p>Federal Wildland Firefighter Health and Wellbeing: McFarland will collaborate with the Equipment Technology Committee (ETC) to draft a short safety bulletin with a QR code to a separate, updatable FAQ webpage.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident within and Incident (IWI) Task Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The group has not formally met. ○ Need to revitalize the group and move forward. • Fatigue Management Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working with the National Multi-Agency Coordination Group (NMAC) and a draft NMAC memorandum has been prepared. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The focus of the memorandum is on improving sleep quality in incident sleeping areas, summarizing best practices from the 2025 after action review (AAR), identifying policy/funding barriers, and developing trigger points for utilizing hotels/alternative sleeping areas. • Risk Management Training — Definition Task Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aims to define risk management terms for the NWCG glossary to potentially pave the way for future risk management training curriculum. ○ The goal is to create a common understanding of risk management practices and potentially introduce a risk scoring model. 	<p>PMS 926: O’Brien will share link to PMS 926 and feedback form.</p> <p>Fatigue Management: Fransted will be presenting the memorandum to NMAC.</p>
<p>Safety Gram:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns were raised about the inconsistency of posting and the need for a clear timeline for updates. • The existing criteria were reviewed at the last meeting, and it was agreed upon to maintain the focus on acute incidents for now. 	<p>Safety Grams will be released quarterly.</p> <p>The current criteria will remain unchanged for 2025.</p>
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<p>Lessons Learned Center (LLC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a strategic overview, highlighting successes in shifting to enterprise-level influence and leveraging the existing reporting culture to improve lessons learned. 	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Subcommittees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Subcommittee (MHSC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Subcommittee is at a transition point. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Considering future projects, given staffing challenges. ▪ Options include focusing on smaller projects, pausing until after fire season, or working on projects in the background until more capacity is available. ▪ A new chair is needed due to O’Brien’s change in role. • 6 Minutes for Safety (6MFS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will be sending out topics for RMC review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Daily topics, working group content, and templates for firefighters to create their own 6MFS safety talks. • Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Subcommittee (HTTFSC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ S-112, Basic Chainsaw Operations is posted to the Wildland Fire Learning Portal (WFLP). 	<p>6MFS: RMC has two weeks to review topics for fatal flaws.</p>

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Tech and Science — Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hazard assessment on smoke study, awaiting final sponsor review.• Collecting data this spring for the fatigue study.• Proposal submitted to NWCG to revise fitness and work capacity standards.• Proposing a request for information to helmet manufacturers to explore the development of laterally protected helmets meeting the NFPA 1977 standard.	N/A

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