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| <ul> <li>Ongoing Taskings and Projects: <ul> <li>Safety Officer Positions:</li> <li>Request of change (RFC) for S-404 course requirement for Safety Officers in Type 3 and Complex positions.</li> <li>The required training will be a barrier for the qualification.</li> <li>More vetting needed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Safety Officer, Field (SOFF) is complete and will be updated in the NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications, 310-1 in January.</li> <li>Safety Officers with arduous ratings should be able to get SOFF added to their red card, transition document on the position page.</li> <li>Job aid approved and through NWCG publications and posted to the web.</li> </ul> <li>Federal Wildland Firefighter Health and Wellbeing: <ul> <li>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) laundering and decontamination bulletin:</li> <li>Met with NWCG Coordinator and Equipment Technology Committee (ETC).</li> <li>Executive Board has asked us to have a discussion with our agencies and make any recommendations to the draft bulletin.</li> <li>The cache system on incidents is set up to exchange damaged Nomex not dirty Nomex.</li> <li>A safety bulletin was circulated regarding laundering PPE to minimize chemical contaminants.</li> <li>Request RMC members to discuss this memo with their fire directors and provide feedback to Kat by 6/13/25</li> </ul> </li> <li>Agency Administrators Guide to Critical Incidents, PMS 926: <ul> <li>Draft PMS 926 is available for review.</li> <li>Please provide feedback using the excel spreadsheet provided.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Fatigue Management Next Steps: <ul> <li>Tasking memo approved by National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) regarding sleeping area best practices by IMTs.</li> <li>Socialize issues with teams and identify barriers.</li> </ul></li> | Safety Officer:<br>Clarify language for the 310-1 update<br>regarding transitions. RMC members have one month to vet the<br>S-404 RFC within their agencies. Submit<br>comments to Fransted before RMC's June<br>meeting. Federal Wildland Firefighter Health<br>and Wellbeing:<br>RMC members vet laundering bulletin<br>with NWCG EB members. – Due by June<br>13. PMS 926:<br>Extending review deadline to May 23 <sup>rd</sup> . |
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**RMC** NWCG Risk Management Committee

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| <ul> <li>Risk Management Training — Definition Task Group:         <ul> <li>Aims to define risk management terms for the NWCG glossary to potentially pave the way for future risk management training curriculum.</li> <li>The goal is to create a common understanding of risk management practices and potentially introduce a risk scoring model.</li> <li>Set up an interagency box folder for definitions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Safety Officer Toolkit:         <ul> <li>Received the 2025 version of the Incident within an Incident (IWI) plan.</li> <li>Received updated versions of the health and safety checklists.</li> <li>The field finds value in knowing the toolkit is updated regularly and that the products help them do their job consistently.</li> <li>These are best practices documents and not NWCG standard products.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Risk Management Training —<br/>Definition Task Group:<br/>RMC members please provide comments<br/>on the proposed definitions.</li> <li>Safety Officer Toolkit:<br/>2025 IWI Plan is being reviewed before<br/>being recommended.</li> <li>Fransted will socialize the IWI Plan.</li> </ul> |  |
| <ul> <li>Lessons Learned Center (LLC):</li> <li>Staffing shortages are impacting work at LLC, but position announcements are working through the process.</li> <li>New "Two More Chains" is coming out.</li> <li>Longer term analysis projects are losing steam with reduced capacity.</li> <li>One fatality added to the Safety Gram.</li> </ul>  | N/A  |  |
| Subcommittees:         • Mental Health Subcommittee (MHSC):         • New chair, Alyssa Givens.         • 6 Minutes for Safety (6MFS):         • Approval of topics.         • Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Subcommittee (HTTFSC):         • S-112, Basic Chainsaw Operations is posted to the Wildland Fire Learning Portal (WFLP).         Tech and Science — Updates:         • Some uncertainty about funding for research projects that are in progress and those that are proposed.  | 6MFS:<br>APPROVAL of topics.<br>N/A  |  |

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