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<p>Ongoing Taskings and Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAFENET Workgroup: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Delays due to state of government contracting and consolidation of DOI IT programs. ○ Group has identified 10-11 desired changes (administrative access, mobile device abilities, etc.). ○ Proceeding with mind mapping to prepare for implementation once contracting issues are resolved. IT Staff will lead the process. ○ RMC discussed the appropriate level of SAFENET review and the role of RMC in handling potentially controversial submissions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Past practices have varied, with less frequent group discussions in recent years. ▪ Current process involves agency level review and editing before posting, within a 48-hour posting timeframe. • Safety Officer Positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Request of change (RFC) for S-404 course requirement for Safety Officers in Type 3 and Complex positions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject matter experts (SMEs) generally supported the concept but suggested revisions. ▪ Suggested replacing S-404 with an S-304 course to align it with Safety Officer, Type 3 requirements and potentially encompassing Complex Safety Officers. ▪ Discussion evolved to encompass a broader strategic vision, aiming to integrate risk management concepts into all levels of wildland fire management, not just Safety Officer. ▪ Highlighted the importance of submitting RFC to track progress and facilitate discussions. 	<p>SAFENET: Add SAFENET administrator to the RMC monthly meetings.</p> <p>Safety Officer: RMC members explore the possibility of revising the proposal to focus on S-304 instead of S-404.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Wildland Firefighter Health and Wellbeing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PPE laundering and decontamination bulletin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bulletin is being reviewed by publications. Final review by the Exec Board will be in July. ○ Exposure Letter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Getting lots of feedback and incorporating it. ▪ Concerns were raised about the exposure letter to document employee smoke exposure. Concerns were raised about determining a trigger point for using the letter and ensuring consistent application across teams to avoid perceptions of unequal concern for employee safety. ○ Voluntary respirator document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Going through revisions. ▪ RMC is willing to engage in conversations regarding respiratory protection program. • Agency Administrators Guide to Critical Incidents, PMS 926: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updated guide has been reviewed by publications and is close to approval. • Incident within an Incident (IWI) Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Received some feedback to include “black” patient assessment over the radio. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concerns were raised about appropriateness and potential ramifications of such an announcement, including emotional impact on personnel and legal implications. ▪ Alternatives for communicating the severity of the situation without explicitly declaring death were explored. Further discussion is needed. • Fatigue Management Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Efforts ongoing, communicated with the Incident Business Committee (IBC) regarding showers as decontamination. There will need to be continued discussions to develop business rules. ○ Collaboration with the Joint Fire Science Program on funding for research is progressing, but defining the scope of the project remains challenging. • Risk Management Training — Definition Task Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two options were proposed to move forward: a dedicated meeting or a weekly email with terms for review and feedback. • Safety Officer Toolkit: Will update documents within the toolbox to 2025 versions. 	<p>Federal Wildland Firefighter Health and Wellbeing: DuBose will check the status of the bulletin.</p> <p>Follow up conversation on how to roll-out the exposure letter.</p> <p>IWI Plan: Continue to keep the IWI plan on the agenda.</p> <p>Risk Management Training — Definition Task Group: Schedule kickoff meeting to standardize safety terminology.</p>



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<p>NWCG Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWCG Staffing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Publications Manager, Chelsea McKinney, started last week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Publications is understaffed with only one detailer for a couple more weeks and Chelsea. ▪ The paperwork is submitted for another detailer. ○ Vice O’Hara Coordinator position is open. ○ NWCG Training is understaffed with two training specialists plus the supervisor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Announcement is out to fill the vacant positions. ○ Media has one vacancy. ○ Instructional Design has two of the five positions filled. ○ Existing staff is covering multiple roles. • Week of Remembrance coming up, everything is lining up for that release. • IWI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should RMC want to pursue making IWI a standard it will require coordination through the Emergency Medical Committee (EMC) and Incident Position and Standards Committee (IPSC) due to its complexity and overlap. ○ Executive Board needs to approve. • Safety Zone Distance Research: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EB has not voted to make this a standard. ○ The IPSC memorandum allowed teams to test for two-years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The closeout memorandum would just need to state that the testing is completed. • Committee Reorganization, Listening Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Purpose is to reorganize NWCG (committees, staff, EB, and processes) for better efficiency and alignment with the NWCG mission. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This will be the third reorganization in NWCG’s 50-year history. ○ Listening sessions are being held with all parent committees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Representatives from each committee provide feedback on the restructuring proposal in short written form. ○ The goal is to streamline the organization to its core mission (incident interoperability, qualifications, training, and standards). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adding a management committee layer to improve agency vetting, coordination, and communication. 	<p>RMC Listening Session is June 24 at 14:00MT. All chairs and vice-chairs were invited, with the option to include up to three additional attendees. Please submit feedback via the provided form.</p>
<p>Lessons Learned Committee (LLC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Parks Service (NPS) director position is open. • Safety Gram: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Significantly less reporting this year. ○ New fatality, Pennsylvania state employee, cardiac arrest. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ During wildfire academy. ▪ USFA has issued line of duty death. ○ Second fatality, Pennsylvania state employe, complications from surgery following a broken leg. 	<p>Both PA fatalities will be included in the Safety Gram which will be released at the end of this month.</p>

Additional information beyond these meeting notes (i.e. handouts, presentations, maps, etc.) will require a FOIA request to ensure proper privacy regulations are followed.



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<p>Subcommittees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Subcommittee (MHSC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No updates. • 6 Minutes for Safety (6MFS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation of the new 6MFS webpage updates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Allows for submission of daily topics and “this day in history.” ▪ Discussions with Jim Cook and Kurt LaRue regarding integrating their work into “this day in history.” • Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Subcommittee (HTTFSC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No updates. 	<p>6MFS: APPROVAL of topics.</p>
<p>Tech and Science — Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sol’s fatigue study is in its second year of data collection. • Hazard Assessment (Smoke Exposure) paper currently under review. • Cap projects, many are on pause due to staff absences (VERA/DRP). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reassessment planned for July. • One more paper published on exposure to PAH. • Portable power project, wrapping up soon. • Wildland fire shirt (PPE) survey, distributed by NWCG. • McClay-Schulte submitted a request for information regarding helmets with lateral protection. 	<p>N/A</p>