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<p><b>In-Person Fall Meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decision whether to hold a fall meeting will be discussed in September.</li> </ul>	<p>RMC members please look at calendars for possible dates for the Fall Meeting.</p> <p>Add Fall Meeting discussion to the September RMC agenda.</p>
<p><b>Ongoing Taskings and Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SAFENET Workgroup:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The last workgroup meeting was postponed due to fire activity, limiting immediate updates.</li> <li>○ A "mind mapping" session is scheduled for next week to facilitate planning.</li> <li>○ There's ongoing discussion regarding IT's priority initiatives and whether SAFENET will be included.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Following a presentation by McFarland, NPS IT expressed surprise at the volume of SAFENET reports, citing communication issues.</li> <li>▪ NPS, IT agreed that SAFENET should be high on the priority list.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Federal Wildland Firefighter Health and Wellbeing:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PPE laundering and decontamination bulletin:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ McFarland will present the PPE laundering and decontamination bulletin to the NWCG Executive Board next week. While an informational item, the Board may approve it.</li> <li>▪ A primary concern is the availability of washing machines, with the bulletin recommending that stations acquire them when possible.</li> <li>▪ Implementing increased Nomex laundering will necessitate a cultural shift among firefighters.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Safety Officer:</b></p> <p>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"> <li>● <b>Exposure Letter:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Exposure Letter is slated for distribution to the Incident Management Teams (IMTs).</li> <li>○ The primary objective is for fire personnel to complete this form when they experience elevated exposure levels.</li> <li>○ This initiative will also be instrumental in documenting the environmental hazards that are an inherent part of the daily responsibilities for wildland firefighters.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● <b>Voluntary respirator document:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Establishing a comprehensive respiratory protection program for a unit or agency is an intensive undertaking.</li> <li>○ The current strategy involves using a memorandum to permit voluntary respirator use for personnel off the fireline, a process that requires careful navigation of OSHA regulations.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● <b>Agency Administrators Guide to Critical Incidents, PMS 926:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The comment period for PMS 926, has officially closed. The document has since been submitted for publication.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● <b>Incident within an Incident (IWI) Plan:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There are no new meetings scheduled at this time.</li> <li>○ The immediate focus is on finalizing and posting relevant documents to the web.</li> <li>○ The next critical step involves engaging the EMC on this project, given its potential implications for the Medical Incident Report.</li> <li>○ For IWI to achieve NWCG standard status, it must undergo a rigorous approval process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This includes gaining approval from both the Risk Management Committee (RMC) and the EMC, followed by vetting and submission to the Interagency Programs and Systems Committee (IPSC) for approval, and ultimately, endorsement by the Executive Board (EB).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li>   <li>● <b>Fatigue Management:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ IMTs continue to be encouraged to enhance sleeping areas this summer and compile information on barriers/best practices for the upcoming fall After Action Review (AAR).</li> <li>○ A request was submitted to the Incident Business Committee to clarify whether firefighters can shower during pay status, a complex inquiry for which an answer is still pending.</li> <li>○ Significant progress is being made with Joint Fire Science to secure funding for research in this area; the necessary template has been completed and is currently under review by their board.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Federal Wildland Firefighter Health and Wellbeing:</b> Send comments to DuBose regarding the exposure letter.</p> <p><b>IWI Plan:</b> Continue to keep the IWI plan on the agenda.</p> <p><b>Fatigue Management:</b> Need to identify a POC for this effort while Fransted is on a detail.</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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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Risk Management Training — Definition Task Group:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This group was established to formalize definitions within the NWCG Glossary. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The broader objective is to integrate risk management training earlier into firefighters' careers, potentially by incorporating it more deliberately into existing courses.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ The initial phase involves reviewing current terminology to identify terms that fall under EMC or ETC jurisdiction.</li> <li>○ Once these terms are defined, a 30-day comment period will be initiated.</li> <li>○ Terms for EMC: advanced life support, air ambulance, ambulance, life support, full thickness burn, incident medical specialist program, medical unit, medevac, partial thickness burn, radiant burn, rescue, rescue, medical, rescue, medical vehicle, and superficial burn.</li> <li>○ Terms for ETC: air pack (RMC as current steward can remove and change to CSCBA), Aramid (generic name for high strength flame resistance synthetic fabric), and respirator.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Risk Management Training — Definition Task Group:</b> Schedule kickoff meeting to standardize safety terminology.</p> <p>Once completed RMC will submit the terms spreadsheet to Lee for DTSB.</p>
<p><b>NWCG Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incident Performance and Training Modernization (IPTM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The IPTM initiative is currently awaiting the transition plan from the Incident Position Standards Committee (IPSC) concerning the Faller position.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Recruitment efforts are underway to fill key roles, including two Training Specialists, one Coordinator, and the IPTM Manager. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Furthermore, an announcement for a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Writer/Editor position is imminent.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• NWCG Committee reorganization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Feedback for the proposed NWCG Committee reorganization is due by July eleventh.</li> <li>○ This reorganization seeks to align NWCG's core mission with a restructured committee framework that mirrors the Incident Command System.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Week of Remembrance was highly successful.</li> <li>• The Emergency Medical Committee (EMC) is scheduled to close out the remaining tasks related to the Big Swamp/Rum Creek incidents at the upcoming July EB meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Lessons Learned Committee (LLC):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Looking to fill vacancies.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>



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<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>○ The MHSC is diligently developing suicide prevention documents and resources, with a planned release in September.</li> <li>○ Concurrently, efforts are underway to update the subcommittee's roster, publish meeting minutes, review existing webpage content, and draft standard operating procedures.</li> <li>○ The MHSC is also proactively establishing a framework for managing large-scale projects, such as the Week of Remembrance and ongoing suicide prevention initiatives, to ensure preparedness for the upcoming year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>6 Minutes for Safety (6MFS):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 6MFS has substantially expanded its content, with a significant volume of new materials being uploaded to the calendar for the coming months.</li> <li>○ The program's webpage has also undergone a redesign to enhance field participation and engagement.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Subcommittee (HTTFSC):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ HTTFSC is conducting bi-weekly meetings with subject matter experts to refine the Faller 2 curriculum.</li> <li>○ Additionally, work on Faller 1 curriculum is commencing in collaboration with the designated contractor.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Tech and Science — Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lateral Protection Helmets:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A request for information regarding helmets with lateral protection has been submitted.</li> <li>○ While larger companies have shown limited interest, smaller companies are demonstrating engagement.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wildland Fire Shirt Survey:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A survey has been distributed by NWCG to gather feedback on three different fire shirts.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Cab Encapsulation Fire Protection Project (Dozer Curtain):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A contract request has been submitted for this project, with the intent of establishing it as a standardized protection measure.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>NIOSH Liaison:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The primary point of contact for wildland fire within NIOSH is no longer available. A meeting is scheduled for next week to address this transition.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Cohort Mortality Study Revisit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Efforts are underway to revisit the cohort mortality study.</li> <li>○ This involves utilizing cancer registries to determine disease risk and compare it to expected rates, providing an indication of actual risk to wildland firefighters.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New Occupational Code for Wildland Firefighters:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Progress is being made on the establishment of a new occupational code for wildland firefighters, with a planned rollout in 2028.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>OSHA Emergency Response Proposal:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ OSHA is advancing with its emergency response proposal.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Capital Projects Reassessment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nearly all current CAP projects are being reworked with the goal of achieving interagency applicability.</li> <li>○ Many CAP projects are currently on pause due to staff absences related to Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA) and Directed Reassignment Programs (DRP).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Fatigue Study:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sol's fatigue study is currently in its second year of data collection.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Hazard Assessment (Smoke Exposure) Paper:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A paper focusing on hazard assessment related to smoke exposure is currently under review.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>