



NWCG Meeting Notes

February 16, 2022

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Guests: Dave Haston (ETC), Mack McFarland (HTTFS), Bill Yohn (ETC)

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<p>TM-19-003, Capt. Hughes Corrective Action Plan Update/Closeout:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements for original tasking are complete but the work will continue. • Element 1: Conduct an evaluation of the “Forest Service Chainsaw, Crosscut Saw and Axe Training- Developing a Thinking Sawyer” for applicability as an updated NWCG Wildland Fire Chainsaw, S-212. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Areas for incorporation into S-212 revisions. ○ Updating S-212 will continue as part of regular responsibilities. • Element 2: Evaluation and gap analysis of tree felling options, felling procedures, training, best practices and update training and position task books (PTBs) as appropriate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Submitted request for change to PTBs for discussing tree felling hazards on incidents. ○ Completed <i>NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Chainsaw Operations</i>, PMS 212. ○ RT-130, WFSTAR module “Does It Need to Come Down” completed to assist sawyers in conversations about felling hazards and skill sets. ○ RT-130, WFSTAR module “When Complexity Changes” released spring 2021 continues discussion of increasing awareness. • Element 3: Advanced Wildland Fire Chainsaws course. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updated S-212 course will be the foundation for an Advanced Sawyer course. ○ Engagement with SMEs and review of chainsaw accident and injury reports. ○ Continued engagement with NWCG to revise PTBs and IPDs for Faller positions. ○ Once S-212 is finalized, an Advanced course could be completed within a year. • Element 4: Review of Faller positions competency and currency evaluation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continued engagement with NWCG Training. • Concerns about separate NWCG and USFS sawyer curriculum. 	<p>APPROVAL to closeout tasking and track deliverables via NWCG and RMC updates.</p>

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<p>TM-21-003, Preparedness Guide for Firefighters and Their Families Summary of Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Subcommittee (MHSC) and Risk Management Committee (RMC) approved changes. • Reviewed Summary of Changes submitted by RMC. • Regular revisions needed to maintain currency of links and accuracy of available resources. 	<p>APPROVAL of Summary of Changes. Extend tasking 03/31/2022.</p> <p>Revision cycle as needed and according to feedback submitted.</p>
<p>TM-19-002, NWCG Course Management Subgroup Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interagency Airtanker Base Training and Qualifications Unit, Interagency Aviation Training Subcommittee, and Smoke Training Subcommittee remain unchanged. ○ Training overseen is broader and also supports day job qualifications. ○ Not NWCG position-specific training or directly tied to NWCG curriculum. ○ All other course steering committees and other training related subgroups have been renamed and realigned under NWCG. 	<p>APPROVAL to closeout tasking.</p>
<p>TM-21-005, Type 3 C&G Position Training Tasking Extension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial conversations have begun, and a task team has been assigned. • Higher priorities have taken precedence within NWCG Training and Incident and Position Standards Committee (IPSC). • Incident Workforce Development Group (IWDG) promotes this tasking as a foundation for Complex Incident Management (CIM). 	<p>APPROVAL to extend tasking 05/27/2022.</p>
<p>Equipment Technology Committee (ETC) Fire Shelter Advisory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State and rural estimates of 40 to 50% or 32,000 fire shelters that need replacement. • Several states currently have fire shelters on back order, raising concerns that demand can't be met. • Currently working on funding options at the Washington level with Infrastructure Bipartisan Law (BIL). • Fire shelters were reviewed three years ago and deemed the best product available. • Intent of advisory is to let the field know the differences between pre- and post-2006 fire shelters. 	<p>Haston, Blake, Koontz, and Karels will revise advisory for EB review.</p>