NWCG All Chairs Meeting Updates (Blake)

- **Budget**
  - FY16 Budget requests – send to Ted to submit to Tim by April 27th.
    - FireFit.

- **Website**
  - New NWCG website under development and should go live in the near future. Tammy Denny will maintain the site at this time. Features include:
    - Roster – will list information on representatives: committee assignments and agency
    - Charter will be listed on each sub/committee page as well as all the products the group is responsible for.
    - May need to pursue a longer term storage as website may only store documents for two years (need an alternative from LLC, may need an Admin hard drive). Hope will work with Tammy to post products, updates, notes. Must be 508 compliant.
• **Charters (Mason)** (Hand out – new Draft Master Charter from NWCG).
  - Master NWCG Committee Charter draft has been distributed that lists duties/responsibilities for all NWCG Committees. This will be in lieu of every committee having a separate charter.
    - March 13 (check date) All comments/feedback to Ted.
    - Eliminate the Smoke Exposure Taskgroup and change to a standing Firefighter Exposure subcommittee. (Joe)

• **Glossary (Mason)**
  The RMC reviewed the glossary comments during meeting.
  Ted will compile responses on the glossary worksheet.
  - **Delete Deployment Zone?** – redefine as Deployment Site?
    - Per Tony Petrilli, Deployment Zone is no longer used in fire shelter training. *Deployment Site Recognition* has been used since 2000.
    - Redefine **Fire Shelter Deployment Site** as an area where a shelter is deployed to an area where a shelter *may be* deployed.
    - The RMC agrees to delete the Deployment Zone definition.
  - **Use of Shelters**
    - RMC agrees with proposed definition – elaborate that shelters are not a guarantee or failsafe.
  - **Fire Shelter Deployment** definition update:
    - Deployment definition clarified to assist with correctly compiling statistics and is consistent with the Red Book.
    - Investigation verbiage is included in the Red Book – can the first sentence be removed?
      - RMC agrees to recommend removal of the first sentence regarding investigations:
        - *Removing a fire shelter from its case and unfolding it to use as protection against heat, smoke, and burning embers.*
    - **Definition Extension:**
      - Assessment of the likely fire shelter performance contribution is done through an investigation or review process, which *may* includes interviewing the fire fighter and/or examining the shelter deployment site, surrounding items, and the shelter. Shelter deployments can be categorized as:
        - **a. Life Saved** - Saved the life of the firefighter.
        - **b. Injury Prevented** - Prevented burns and/or smoke inhalation to the firefighter.
        - **c. Precautionary** - Deployed in a situation with perceived potential danger. The environment did not materialize into a situation where the firefighter would have been killed or injured without the use of a fire shelter.
        - **d. Fatality** - Fatality occurred in a fully or partially deployed fire shelter.

• **Safety Zone Research message (Blake)**
  - New preliminary research on safety zone size recommendations done by JFSP last year and was distributed. It was not a final recommendation as the data is still being analyzed.
  - WFSTAR module is on hold at this time until the new research is approved and/or validated.
  - Chad had been tasked with putting clarification together from the RMC, but need to determine if further clarification/letter is needed, and if so, who is the main audience for the letter?
• Clarification letter may cause more confusion if sent out before this season – as to which recommendations should be followed?
  o **RMC Response:** Current standard/guidelines are documented in the IRPG, and will be revised if/when new data analysis warrants the change.
• Commenting on preliminary research could be confusing. Wait to provide further clarification until data analysis is finalized and conclusions/recommendations provided.
• Ongoing research is generally handled and distributed through the research organization, not the RMC.

**Safety Gram** (Owens)
• 2014 SG being finalized will be posted as final soon.

**Subcommittee updates:**

**IEMS** (Peterson)
• There will be some changes in the IEMS SMEs.
• Late April– Spring meeting in Boise.
• Working on compiling a national MEDL contact list. Facebook page has helped with this
• Newsletters should be distributed in April and October.
• Finalizing edits of glossary medical terms – do these need to go through the RMC?
• EMS Personnel – recommendations for minimum EMS personnel requirements per incident complexity type.
  o Ted will forward to Tim and will determine where document should reside

**HTTFS** (Mason)
• This committee’s activities are on hold pending further direction. Plan to move the chair to Kristen Chadwick from R6.
• Ted will remain as liaison from RMC and will assist with website transition.

**SETG Smoke Exposure Taskgroup** (Domitrovich)
• Tasking that resulted in creation of this group has been completed. May want to transition this taskgroup and change roles to more of an All Hazard T&D group able to do research in more areas.
  o Firefighter Exposure Subcommittee.
  o Officially suspend the SETG.

**6 Minutes for Safety** (Kathy)
• Continue special topics that began last year during same time period (Yarnell to South Canyon anniversaries).
  o RMC supports this proposal.
• Medical Report Form: will re-distribute for comments, then will forward to Ted for distribution.
FireFit (Joe)
- Bequi Livingston is working to incorporate PT recommendations into the Firefit program.
- Working on how to incorporate the program as a whole which includes nutrition, health, wellness, mindfulness – the overall fitness and health of the firefighter.
- Joe working on a roster of SMEs (agency and non-agency) to help organize the program, with a possible meeting later this year.
- FireFit trademark issues?

NIOSH updates (Butler)
- Rhabdo informational flyer being finalized.

U.S. Fire Administration Updates (Troup)
- Research with health and safety of volunteer FD service is ongoing.
- Report on cultural change within fire service should be released in the near future.

Identify 2015 RMC work plan (Mason)
- Continue to work on and complete current projects is the priority.

Update on the NFPA 1906 on-board pump and roll firefighting position (Yohn)
- The last NFPA 1906 revision made an allowance to operate a hose outside of the cab while riding on an apparatus. Specified positions where this is and is not allowed.
- The 1500 document is under revision and is accepting comments until July 6.
- Looking for RMC support and a comment to the 1500 that strongly recommends against any riding outside of an enclosed cab.
- Ted will send out the draft document for RMC review.

Round Robin:

BIA:
- Starting in 2016, the BIA will be included in the Red Book and the Blue Book will then be discontinued.
- Tractor Rx log injury investigation ongoing.

BLM:
- Agency is in the process of phasing out use of ATVs on BLM fires. This would only pertain to BLM personnel on any agency fires. Current version of the proposed policy will allow other agency personnel to use ATVs on BLM fires.
- Andy Delmas will be acting for Michelle through May.
- Clarifying reporting requirements for the Safety Gram.

USFS:
- Shane will assist Larry with the RMC as needed since Larry is continuing with AD duties.
- National Saw Program: In process, not yet finalized.

NPS:
- 2nd buggy fire, FLA completed on each, contact Miranda for 2nd FLA if not yet posted.
**States: Western** (Wayne)
- Western State Fire Managers Meeting March 16-20 hosted by Montana DNRC. Will include most fire managers west of the Mississippi.
- Wayne will update the group on RMC activities.

**States: Eastern** (Wes)
- Difficult to pull data on VFD accidents, and reporting requirements may not be followed. Bill Troup may be able to help through the State Fire Marshalls. If not, can revisit issue.

**Action Log Review and Update**
- Reviewed Action Log.
- Ted will work with Tony to close out any remaining open items that are complete.

**Future Meeting Location/Hosting Schedule**
- November 2015  Esperanza Staff Ride
- Spring 2016  TBD (Boise?)

**Future Conference Call Schedule** (All)
- **March 12** 1300 MDT.
- **April 14** 1300 MDT.

Meeting adjourned.