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**Staff:** Tim Blake (Facilitator), Darci Drinkwater (Executive Secretary).

**Guests:** Dan Smith (NASF), Josh Simmons (NMAC), Frank Guzman (NWCG), LJ Brown (COVID Task Force), Kaili McCray (MPHAT), Steve Manthei, Marlene Eno-Hendren,.

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<p>Weekly COVID Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FMB COVID-19 Coordinators have developed a recommendation for a jointly delegated (FMB, NMAC, and NWCG), interagency COVID-19 Advisors to serve as System Matter Experts (SMEs).               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tasked to gather feedback After Action Reviews (AARs) from the 2020 COVID-19 and fire management response.</li> <li>○ Provide prioritized recommendations to develop 2021 COVID-19 wildland fire management.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• National Interagency Aviation Committee (NIAC) developing a tasking for Interagency Aviation Preparedness Task Team (IAPTT) to deal with in person aviation training courses.</li> <li>• BLM tasking and sharing 2020 AAR results.</li> <li>• Incident Management Remote Response (IMRR) survey is closed. Results will be available at January FMB meeting. Currently transitioning from sharing to tasking.</li> <li>• National Institute of Health (NIH) developed a risk assessment tool for activities and locations in regards to COVID-19.</li> <li>• Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommend universal mask use in all indoor settings.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Updated quarantine guidance to 10- day without test and no symptoms, and a 7-day with test and no symptoms.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Erin Horsburgh, Meagan Conry and LJ Brown will draft single interest announcement for lateral placement for (3 interagency) COVID Coordinators. Develop PDs.</p>
<p>Wildland Fire Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT) Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID Vaccine Prioritization               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rollout plan carried out by States. MPHAT will work to advocate for Wildland Firefighters to be in the Phase 2 round of vaccinations.</li> <li>○ Will develop vaccine fact sheet for communication with the field.</li> <li>○ CDC-FAQ for Wildland Firefighters is updated.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>MPHAT Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendations for Fire Management Board               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consolidate all regional Area Command Team COVID-19 plans into one national plan with consistent COVID-19 guidance and standardizes mitigation measures.</li> <li>○ Establish COVID-19 Communication Plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>MPHAT AAR Recommendation Meeting set for January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for further discussion.</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. Please request via email: [blm\\_fa\\_foia@blm.gov](mailto:blm_fa_foia@blm.gov)



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tasking MPHAT with review, report and recommendations for COVID-19 testing strategy.</li> <li>○ Long term need for consistent health/injury data and tracking within Wildland Firefighting workforce. MPHAT will develop how to capture incident level data.</li> <li>○ Assess whether the agency respiratory protection program should be expanded to mitigate hazards in wildfire environment. Develop realistic plan to expand program.</li> </ul>	
<p>Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) Next Gen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● USDA/FS led application in a DOI environment (flexibility avoided schedule delays). Decrease costs, increase functionally, and provides flexibly for the future. Enhanced user interface, mobility.</li> <li>● Rearchitected application replacing the current WFDSS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Utilize fire modeling and intelligence gathered from data viewed in primarily a map interface, with ability to produce a decision document.</li> <li>○ Designed to be hosted in the cloud. Much easier to update.</li> <li>○ Will help ensure we stay on track with needs and wants of the field as well as the requirements from policies.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Current WDFSS is using dated technology and hosted in an environment to be decommissioned.</li> <li>○ Risk informed decision process will be improved upon by lessons learned over the last 10 years.</li> <li>○ Reduce long term Operations and Maintenance costs by reducing the architecture footprint and using updated, easy to maintain technology.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Approved charter to have FMB Chair Leon Ben sign.</p>
<p>Updates to the Red Book: 2021 Interagency Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Global Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Updated National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) and agency-specific web addresses.</li> <li>○ Removed Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS) and inserted Interagency Resource Ordering Capability (IROC).</li> <li>○ Removed “ISuite,” and inserted, “e-Isuite.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Electronic Red Book will be on the website January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.</li> <li>● Hard copies will be out mid-January.</li> <li>● NWCG web addresses will not be updated until mid-February.</li> </ul>	<p>Approved edits for 2021 Red Book will move forward with document publication.</p>
<p>National Association of State Foresters (NASF) Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Networking with States on training. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Needing Engine Boss S-231 and Crew Boss S-230 training.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Incident workforce development group with FMB and National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) developing a prescribed fire survey.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>



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<p>National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Briefing paper on virtual training.</li><li>• In person training mitigations.</li><li>• Will require a COVID-19 test.</li><li>• Stay within CDC guidelines.</li><li>• Virtual Staff ride received good feedback.</li><li>• S-520, Advanced Incident Management course at National Advanced Fire &amp; Resource Institute (NAFRI) postponed until March 2021.</li></ul>	N/A