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<p>Wildland Fire Information and Technology (WFIT) Update- Field Technology Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project specific topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Data Management Program and the Data Cache. ○ Fuels Portion Portfolio. ○ WFDSS Next Gen. ○ Fire Environment Mapping System (FEMS). ○ Portfolio Management Tool in EDG. • Proof of concept: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DART resource tracking. ○ FirstNet- availability this fire season. ○ Orbital Edge Computing- Starlink. • Field Technology Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equipment purchased fall of 2021, DOI and OWF \$4.7 million. IT kits for incidents. 1,200 laptops, 275 tablets, 450 smart phones, 500 printers, wired/wireless networking, NAS file storage, multimedia devices, projectors, and rugged cases. ○ No additional funding or authority to proceed beyond initial purchase. ○ Transferring equipment from OWF to FS CIO. ○ Developing short-term plan to manage and distribute equipment this season. Distribute to individual teams or create IT cache system. ○ Long-term plan, how to get max utility from equipment. ○ Increased capabilities, standardization, and IT governance. Cost savings due to owning instead of renting equipment. Scalability to meet needs. ○ Current rental cost between two major vendors \$3.5 million annually suppression funded. ○ Proposed program costs \$2 million annually hard dollar funded. Includes staff and licensing costs. ○ FITARA compliance. 	<p>WFIT to develop draft Implementation Plan to address logistics and support (storage, management, maintenance, mobilization).</p> <p>Request separate meeting to furtherer discuss this topic.</p>



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<p>Wildland Fire Medical and Public Health Advisory Board (MPHAT):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still a need to maintain COVID posture. • Shift from eliminating COVID transmission toward more relevant metrics given current levels of population immunity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High levels of population immunity reduce risk of severe outcomes. ○ Tools available for public health and clinical care (vaccines, therapeutics, and testing). • Federal Agency masking and screening based on CDC’s new COVID community levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fewer than 200 per 100,000 cases (hospitals admissions and beds occupied) ○ 90% of the country is in low or medium risk. ○ Low- no masking or screen testing regardless of vaccination status. ○ Medium- no masking. Screening testing- Agencies utilize protocols that align with guidance from Safer Workforce Task Force. ○ High- masking required. Screening testing- same requirements as medium. • MPHAT recommendations- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COVID vaccination and boosters. ○ Masking implemented per COVID community level ○ Crews and modules continue to use Module of One approach. ○ Minimize the size and number of personnel at Incident Command Posts (ICPs) and utilize remote locations. Camps designed to allow physical distancing and use of spike camps. ○ Continued use of radio and video briefings. ○ Incident resources continue to conduct daily COVID screening to identify potential COVID cases. ○ Testing on incidents will be prioritized for individuals with signs and symptoms and asymptomatic individuals with recent known exposure. ○ Incident COVID Tracker (ICT) will be standard on all large incidents. ○ Quarantine based on vaccine status. Unvaccinated 10 days and testing. ○ Agency testing with be separate from incident testing. 	<p>Updating website with changes.</p>
<p>Incident Workforce Development Work (IWDG) Complex Incident Management Teams (CIMTs), Review and Finalize Memo:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memo has been updated. Its intent is to show support for continued work by NWCG Executive Board and National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) and their subgroups. • Incident Position and Standards (IPSC) and IWDG will be developing a transition plan for Type 2 Command and General Staff (C&G) to gain new complex qualification. 	<p>Meagan Conry will compile edits for draft tasking memo with the goal of issuance by Friday March 18th. All members to sign tasking to show support.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Type 1 C&G will be considered to meet minimum requirements for complex C&G and Type 1 Teams will be considered to meet minimum requirements for CIMT. ○ Intent is not to require all personnel to meet the current Type 1 qualifications. ○ Type 2 C&G will be assessed for Complex C&G in accordance with IPSC Transition Plan. ● Rocky Mountain Geographic Area (RMA) Pilot: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposal will be discussed at NMAC. ○ IPSC will coordinate with RMA once tasking memo is issued. ○ Pilot will provide feedback to further implementation efforts, and more teams/geographic areas should begin piloting as well. ○ Clarification that it should be considered a pilot, not phased implementation. ● NMAC will work on revised national rotation schedule that could be implemented in 2023. ● Benefits of national rotation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Team members would be home more for work/life balance and to better engage in day job during the summer. ○ Increase in teams in national rotation would also alleviate burnout for team members who are usually gone all summer. ● Complex incident needs defined by complexity of the incident instead of the incident personnel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current guidance in the <i>Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations</i> shows minimal difference between Type 2 and Type 1 complexity on incidents. ○ Risk and Complexity Assessment should be revised by IPSC soon as well. ○ Future discussion should include evaluation of incident typing and terminology. Review IWDG early recommendation for three tiers: Initial Attack, Extended Attack, and Complex Incidents. 	
<p>Interagency Agreement- Status of Extension Modification for 2022 and Opportunities for Efficiencies in the Next 5 Years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Extended Master Agreement expires in four days. Need signature by Friday March 18th at 1520. BLM is the only signature needed. ● If not signed by Friday, there will not be an effective agreement in place. 	Meagan Conry will make additional efforts to gain BLM signature.
<p>National Wildland Firefighter Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Calendar Committee approved request for National Wildland Firefighter Day. ● National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) purchased the day for July 2nd, during the Week of Remembrance. ● NIFC External Affairs will be creating a communication plan and toolkit. 	N/A



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">All agencies and partners will have the opportunity to contribute ideas.	