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Date: 19 August 2016

TO: NWCG Executive Board Members
FROM: John Glenn, Chair, NWCG Executive Board
SUBJECT: Steps for Safe Chainsaw Fuel Handling

This memorandum communicates the release of NWCG Equipment Bulletin ETC-EB-2016-02, Steps for Safe Chainsaw Fuel Handling and the forthcoming August 21, 2016 “Six Minutes for Safety” message regarding fuel handling. Please distribute this memorandum through your agency channels.

Issue/Action Requested: Chainsaw fuel geysering incidents have resulted in serious injury to firefighters from ignition of sprayed fuel and vapor. The attached NWCG Equipment Bulletin, ETC-EB-2016-02, Steps for Safe Chainsaw Fuel Handling, and the forthcoming August 21, 2016 “Six Minutes for Safety” message provide information and recommendations intended to prevent, reduce the number of, and/or mitigate the consequences of fuel geysering incidents.

The NWCG Equipment Bulletin is attached to this document and can be located at: http://www.nwcg.gov/committees/equipment-technology-committee/resources

The Six Minutes for Safety message will be posted at http://www.nwcg.gov/committees/6-Minutes-for-safety. It will also be included in the August 21, 2016 Incident Management Situation Report (IMSR).

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Attachment: Equipment Bulletin ETC-EB-2016-02.