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<p><b>Representative for National Predictive Services Oversight Group (PSOG):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beth Lund has been representative for FMB but is retiring.</li> <li>• Discussions about asking Nancy Ellsworth to volunteer.</li> <li>• Need a strong leader and someone who understands the issues.</li> <li>• Increase collaboration with Incident Meteorologists (IMETs).</li> <li>• Chad Fisher volunteered for position.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lund will send information to Chad.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Decide on representation at December meeting.</p>
<p><b>Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All departments added Coordinator.</li> <li>• Wildfire is a subgroup.</li> <li>• OPM set up working groups, Classification, Pay/Compensation and Retirement/Health /Mental Health. Suggest starting with classification and then tier off.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 180 days to create new series.</li> <li>○ Ultimately OPMs jurisdiction.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Chris Wilcox volunteered to assist with classification.</p>
<p><b>Vaccine Mandate and Wildland Fire Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT) Recommendations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memo from MPHAT to FMB outlining recommendations for continued COVID-19 safety protocols for wildland fire.</li> <li>• Each agency needs to ensure vaccination requirement are met prior to sending resources to incidents.</li> <li>• Use of IROC to track vaccination status is not recommended by the FS as the IROC managing partner. Significant business rules and changes to IROC would be needed and records retention policies would need to be revised.</li> <li>• Any individual not-fully vaccinated it is recommended that they provide proof of negative COVID-19 test results within 3 days prior to arrival at incident.</li> <li>• For smaller incidents or fire support, supervisors are responsible for ensuring the proper mitigations are followed.</li> </ul>	<p>Socialize recommendations and then make decisions on what FMB can support as guidance.</p> <p>Topic added to December agenda.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Booster shots are not required at this time, but MPHAT recommends fire personnel who are eligible should obtain one as soon as possible.</li> <li>• Use of COVID tracker.</li> <li>• Prioritize testing for individuals with signs and symptoms or asymptomatic individuals with recent known exposure.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ COVID Coordinator will assist the local health department.</li> <li>○ Test results are considered medical records.</li> <li>○ Only trained personnel will administer tests and track results.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Quarantine requirements.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fully vaccinated- no quarantine. Individual tested 3 to 5 days following exposure.</li> <li>○ Not fully vaccinated- quarantine for 10-days from last exposure.</li> <li>○ No one exposed to COVID-19 should be traveling on public transportation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Due to high transmission rates, limited fire resources and unknown vaccination status recommended that fire personnel continue to wear masks and social distance.</li> <li>• Continue with Module of One approach.</li> <li>• Minimize the number of personnel at Incident Command Posts (ICPs). Increase use of spike camps.</li> <li>• One standard protocol for testing, case reporting, and prevention and mitigation strategies across all agencies and within a national response plan.</li> </ul>	