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**Guests:** Gil Dustin (COVID Task Force), Kaili McCray (MPHAT), Frank Guzman (NWCG), Dan Smith (NASF), Jacqueline Martin (for Bodie Shaw)

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<p><b>Wildland Fire Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT) Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19 tracking system, last call today to submit all comments to brief NMAC tomorrow.</li> <li>• All things COVID19 memo briefing tomorrow, submitted updated testing guidance and an update of the language on the website.</li> <li>• Change in CDC guidance for vaccinated individuals, presented Dr. Navarro to answer any questions and to explain what that means. A fully vaccinated person is not required to wear masks. Unvaccinated do have to still wear the masks.</li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>Participant Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Texas and Alaska are still requiring testing to work on fires.</li> <li>• 2020 Oregon State Forester resigned</li> <li>• State of Washington will have 125 million for the next 8 years.</li> <li>• NASF Jim Karels will start on May 26, 2021, he will be on the next call, in transition and his contact information will be sent out.</li> <li>• NWCG meeting was very productive today regarding improving courses with some contract work. IPD's, task books, where the gaps are. Less mandatory training.</li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>Member Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A second draft being available at the end of June.</li> <li>• Fully aligned with updated CDC guidance</li> <li>• Bill Avery as the next Interim Director with a Forest Service and fire background. A department update soon to come.</li> <li>• Secretary did a great job addressing firefighter's pay, moral and mental health.</li> <li>• Inspecting aircraft, providing certifications, working with Forest Service is going very well.</li> <li>• Aviation group doing inspections and fuels group out doing readiness reviews getting ready for fire season.</li> <li>• Aviation doing readiness reviews.</li> </ul>	N/A



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DOI Chief of Staff meeting.</li> <li>• Hard to keep track of who's who.</li> <li>• BLM Leaders Intent Memo went out.</li> <li>• Experiences typical blips onboarding this year.</li> <li>• Hard time staffing certain crews, good media attention.</li> <li>• Want to start using the remote incident report.</li> <li>• Retardant trying to do testing this field season on a new vendor Fortress.</li> <li>• Process of making awards for type 2 crews.</li> <li>• Crew did a mock fire shelter with SOS and the shelter blocked the SOS.</li> <li>• IMRR requires more Firenet support than it was anticipated. Would like to see Firenet submit a budget request.</li> <li>• Fuels and post fire IT working through a session.</li> </ul> <p>DOI side workgroup 'return to work' focusing on 3 phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety to COVID19, vaccinated and non-vaccinated</li> <li>• Updated policies, leave for childcare has a hold on it</li> <li>• Future of work</li> </ul> <p>Focus is on phase 1, survey out to supervisors and employees.</p>	
<p><b>Update on NWCG Memorandum (21-002):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When there's no policy, review the agencies program.</li> <li>• FMB to work with NIAC to provide a process for interagency aviation approvals when USFS/DOI Interagency policy is not in place. (i.e. Use of shorthaul for fire suppression).</li> <li>• Propose to identify those items that are divergent, Susie will be working with Chad, Beth, Paul to develop the process.</li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>BUYT/procurement support for fire:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FS realignment from Acquisition to Procurement &amp; Property Services (PPS). An overview of this new section was defined. Concerns will not be able to support the interagency community.</li> <li>• <b>Changes:</b></li> <li>• New AIMS Branch – At Incident Management Support</li> <li>• New ESB – Equipment &amp; Services Branch</li> <li>• Renewed IPM Team – renewed Data Act</li> <li>• Increased reliance on local micro purchasing support</li> </ul>	N/A



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Access to “Forest CO’s to tap</li> </ul> <p><b>Shortages/Impacts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Loss of experienced FS incident procurement professionals to retirement, different post, other agencies.</li> <li>▪ Significant burnout</li> <li>▪ Surge contract, capacity EERA’s (caterers and showers)</li> <li>▪ Initial attack incident support</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of communication across the agencies when it comes to CO’s, contracts, agreements, etc.</li> <li>• How can we get a better interagency across the board with contracts, etc.</li> <li>• Awarding the Type 2 BPA</li> <li>• Type 2 contracts expire June 30<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Access to 29 IA crews in July.</li> </ul>	