Participants:
Board Members:  Jim “James” Forsythe, Jake Ganieany, Rich Cowger – Vice Chair, Steve Holton, Dan Warthin, Patrick Lonergan (note: individual only participated in one vote then departed meeting due to schedule conflict)
Deputies and Others:  John Monzie, Jordan McKnight, Ryan Patrick, Melissa Wegner, Tara Dana

Purpose:  Welcome and a reminder that this is a public meeting for the purpose of conducting government business.

NWCG/NMAC Update:  (Aitor Bidaburu)
•  Unable to participate in this meeting.

Northern Rockies GACC and Operational Updates:
NRCG Operations  (Corey Buhl - Detailer)
•  Unable to participate in this meeting.

NRCC Update  (Kathy Pipkin)
•  Unable to participate in this meeting.

Old Business
•  Tabled all decisional items due to lack of quorum.

New Business

•  Topic first discussed during July 8, 2021 MAC meeting.
•  Please see the attached response letter in regard to the letter received by Everard Law Office on behalf of the Northern Rockies Wildfire Contractor Association requesting a change from a three (3) person crew to a two (2) person crew for contract engines with no deduction in pay.
•  The response letter has been reviewed by the USDA Office of the General Counsel Missoula Branch Office.
•  It is recommended that a response letter come from the NRCG due to the letter received from Everard Law being addressed to multiple member agencies of the NRCG.
•  Summary:  Request was denied.  Not possible to make modifications to this agreement at this time.
•  Agreement is coming up on the re-solicitation cycle next year.  This issue can be reassessed at that time.
•  Ability to order a two-person engine already exists within the resource ordering processes.
•  Vote to approve draft:
  o  FWS – Support
  o  MT DES – Support
  o  MT DNRC – Support
  o  MT State Fire Chiefs’ Association – Support
  o  MT County Fire Wardens Association – Support
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- MT Sheriffs & Peace Officers Association – Support
- NPS – Support
- USFS – Support
- **Vote Approved – unanimous consent.**

**Priority Trainee Program Update – Informational Topic – Melissa Wegner**
- Continue to move both Northern Rockies priority trainees and other national priority trainees.
- Overhead desk has been operating smoothly.
- Program is functioning well across the board.

**Review of Action Items: (Josh Harvey)**
- Deferred in the interest of time.

**The next scheduled NRCG Monthly Conference Call is August 17, 2021 at 10:00 Hours Mountain Time**