

# #FireYear2022

## NIFC PIO Webinar



Hosted by External Affairs at the National Interagency Fire Center

# Webinar Topics



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# Welcome

Introduction

Zoom Tips



Jennifer Myslivy, BLM



# Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Wildland Fire Management Funding



Jessica Gardetto, BLM





# Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Wildland Fire Management Funding

- \$5 billion for federal wildland fire management efforts over the next five years
- \$600 million for firefighter pay

## Messaging:

- USDA and DOI communication plans
- Use these plans (or your agency's plan) to tailor messages to your local forest, district, etc.
- If you get media inquiries (incident-specific, etc.)



# Interagency Talking Points



Samantha Storms, BLM



# Interagency Talking Points

## "Hot" Topics:

- Wildland fire management strategies and tactics
- Climate Change
- COVID-19
- Hiring and firefighter pay
- Workforce reform/ transformation
- Wildland fire personnel mental health
- Legislation – Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Feel free to send these and other national-level topics to our information line: 208-387-5050



# National Fire Year Themes



Stanton Florea, USFS





# 2022 Fire Year Themes

The wildland fire community will safely manage wildfires during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Firefighter and public safety is always the highest priority during a wildfire.

Wildfire activity is becoming more extreme.





# 2022 Fire Year Themes



Recreate Responsibly: the public plays a valuable role in wildfire prevention.  
Fuels management can save lives, property and natural resources.  
Supporting the wildland fire management workforce.



# InciWeb Redesign Update



Brian Reublinger, USFS

# User Help



Important site alert here

## Welcome to the InciWeb administrative site!

This site has been re-engineered to enhance the stability and reliability of InciWeb and to streamline creating and updating incident records. While the site looks different, it functions much the same with a few additions. Have fun exploring the InciWeb administrative site!


### What's New

Manage Unit Tab: Unit Super Users can enter a Facebook link: This link will show up on the Public site along with the Unit Information.

On the upper left hand corner of the page is a 60 minute User session timer which includes:

- Last Action time: This is the last time the User interacted with an InciWeb service.
- Idle time: A User can be idle for no more than 60 minutes. This is how long the User has been idle (i.e. has not interacted with an InciWeb service.)



If you can't get any questions you have about this site answered through those two resources, contact the HelpDesk by phone at 1-866-224-7677 or the **IIA HelpDesk** .



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You can now upload pdf files into the Maps section. Help resources, including a tutorial and pre-recorded webinars.



# Create Incident

Home » » Add content

[Box 1] Incident Name \*

## INCIDENT BASIC INFO

### MEDIA INCIDENT PHOTO

No media items are selected.

Add media

One media item remaining.

[Box 4] Incident Commander & Agency or Organization

*Last saved: Not saved yet*

Author: brian.reublinger

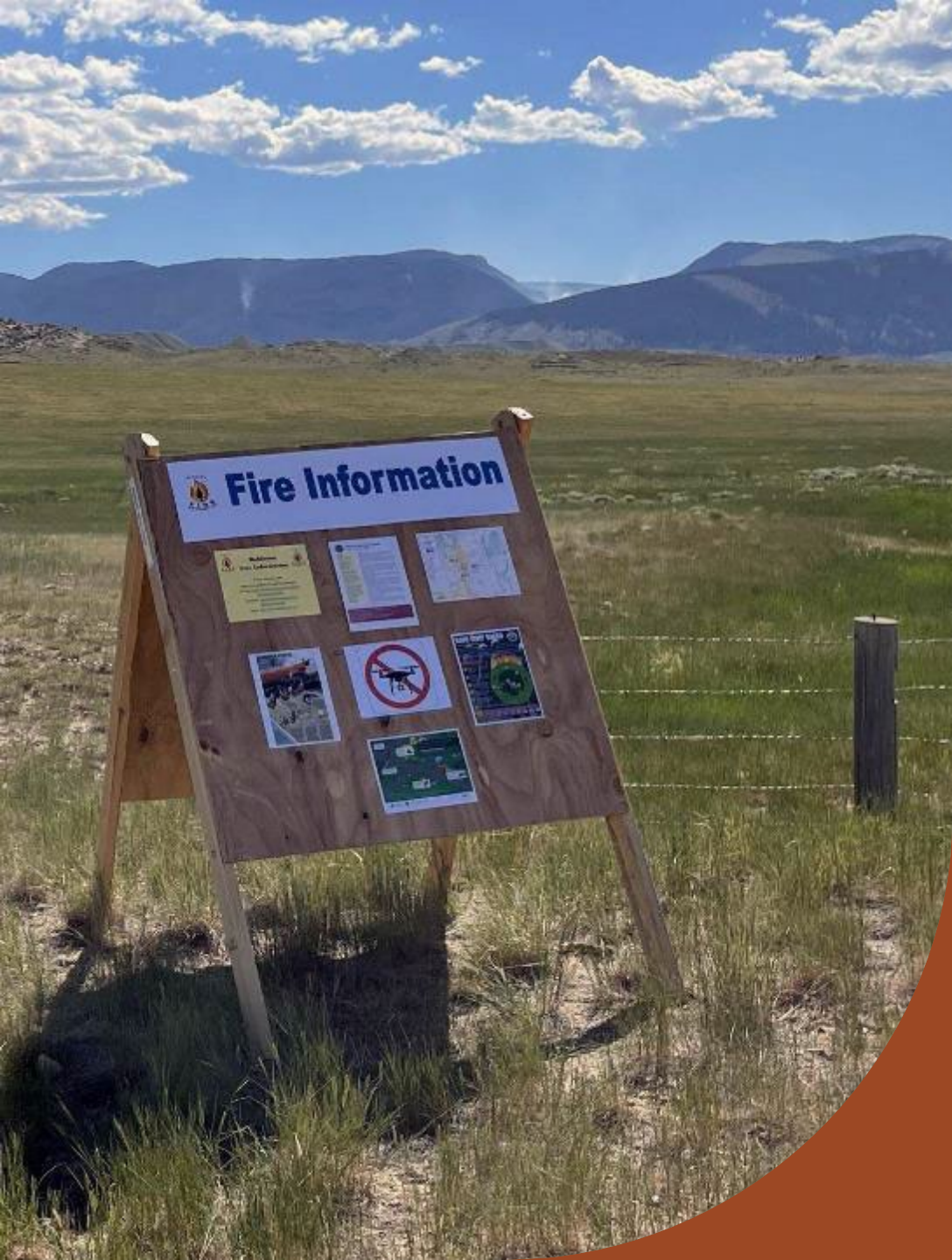
Revision log message

Briefly describe the changes you have made

### ▼ UNIT

Incident Unit \*

### ▼ CONTACT INFORMATION



# Updates from the NWCG PIO Subcommittee



Candice Stevenson, NPS



# Current PIO Positions

- Updated final position descriptions for PIO1, PIO2, PIO3, and PIOT.
- We can use the PIO3 position code.
- Current PIOFs could see a name change to PIO3 on a future red card.
- A new task book was also developed for PIO3. That task book will be made available as soon as approved. A transition plan will follow.
- 138 qualified Public Information Officer Technicians (PIOT) in IQCS now.
  - Not including state/local/other agencies that use other qualifications systems

Training and taskbook requirements	What type of PIO are you?
<p><a href="#">Link to NWCG PIO1 Position Description</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Satisfactory performance as a Public Information Officer, Type 2 (PIO2)</li> <li>• and- Completion and Certification of NWCG Public Information Officer (PIO1) Position Task Book (PMS 311-06)</li> <li>• RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSAR)</li> <li>• S-520, Advanced Incident Management OR Complex Incident Management Course (CINC)</li> </ul>	<h2>PIO1</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I want to work on incidents on my home unit -and/or- on incidents on other units</li> <li>• I am willing to independently perform all of the duties of a fully qualified PIO1 -and-</li> <li>• I am capable of leading the Information Section on a Type 1 (highest complexity) -and-</li> <li>• I am capable of representing the PIO function in a Type 1 Command and General Staff -and-</li> <li>• I have full support for and/or interest in training and development at this level.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Link to NWCG PIO2 Position Description</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Satisfactory performance as a Public Information Officer, F (PIOF)</li> <li>• and- Completion and Certification of NWCG Public Information Officer (PIO2) Position Task Book (PMS 311-06)</li> <li>• RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSAR)</li> <li>• S-420, Command and General Staff OR L-481, Advanced Leadership for Command and General Staff</li> </ul>	<h2>PIO2</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I want to work on incidents on my home unit -and/or- on incidents on other units</li> <li>• I am willing to independently perform all of the duties of a fully qualified PIO2 -and-</li> <li>• I am capable of leading the Information Section on a Type 2 (higher complexity) or to leading a branch on a Type 1 (highest complexity) -and-</li> <li>• I am capable of representing the PIO function in a Type 2 Command and General Staff -and-</li> <li>• I have full support for and/or interest in training and development at this level.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Link to NWCG PIOF/3 Position Description</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Satisfactory performance as a Public Information Officer, Technician (PIOT)</li> <li>• and- Completion and Certification of NWCG Public Information Officer (PIO3) Position Task Book (PMS 311-07)</li> <li>• L-180, Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service</li> <li>• S-130, Firefighter Training</li> <li>• S-190, Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior</li> <li>• ICS-300, Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents</li> <li>• ICS-400, Advanced ICS</li> <li>• IS-800, National Response Framework, An Introduction</li> <li>• RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSAR)</li> <li>• S-203, Introduction to Incident Information OR L/L952, All Hazards Position Specific Public Information Officer</li> </ul>	<h2>PIOF /PIO3</h2> <p><i>Current position title/ Proposed position title</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I want to work on incidents on my home unit -and/or- on incidents on other units</li> <li>• I am willing to independently perform all of the duties of a fully qualified PIO3 -and-</li> <li>• I am willing to supervise others as Incident needs demand -and-</li> <li>• I am capable of leading the Information Section on a Type 3 (low complexity) incident or of leading a branch on a Type 2 or Type 1 (higher complexity) incident -and-</li> <li>• I am capable of representing the PIO function in a Type 3 Command and General Staff -and-</li> <li>• I have full support for and/or interest in training and development at this level.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Link to NWCG PIOT Position Description</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICS 100, Introduction to ICS</li> <li>• ICS 200, Basic ICS for Initial Response</li> <li>• IS-700, NIMS: An Introduction</li> <li>• RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSAR)</li> <li>• S-110, Wildland Fire Orientation</li> </ul> <p><small>*Annual refresher can be taken without completion of S-130/190</small></p>	<h2>PIOT (Technician)</h2> <p><i>New position</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I want to work on incidents on my home unit -and/or- on incidents on other units</li> <li>• I am interested in performing some of the duties of a PIO, but not all of them -and/or-</li> <li>• I have a special skill (photography, videography, broadcasting, technical writing, translation, other) that I'd like to use on incidents -and/or-</li> <li>• I am not currently interested in supervising others or leading a section -and/or-</li> <li>• I currently have limited time, support for and/or interest in training and development.</li> </ul>



# Reviewing and Updating Information Training

- S-203
- S-403
- S-103 – possible code for an introductory course for the PIOT position
- S-110 – PIOSC provided feedback for the updated S-110 training
- O-305 or other IMT training – PIOSC is working with the IPSC to develop Type 3 level IMT training.
- Complex IMT Transition







# Complex IMT Involvement

- The PIOSC and other position steward committees were asked to develop complex-level positions for the Complex IMT Transition.
- We developed a PIO Complex (PIOC) position based on the Type 1 PIO position description and updated the PIO 1 task book to reflect duties at the complex level.
- The IPSC prepared a transition plan to include all positions affected by the Complex IMT transition. This transition mainly affects Type 1 and Type 2 positions.
- The NWCG Executive Board issued a memo with guidance to implement the transition plan for the Pilot Phase this year:  
<https://www.nwcg.gov/sites/default/files/memos/eb-m-22-002.pdf>
- After this year of pilot testing CIMTs, NWCG committees will re-evaluate the needs for each position and provide updates to the transition plan and positions where needed.

# Incident Management Response Roundtable



Michelle Fidler, USFS



# Incident Management Response Roundtable

<https://tinyurl.com/imrroverview>

## IMRR – Incident Management Response Roundtable



- *Connecting the Field*
- *Sharing Interagency Incident Innovation*
- *Developing and Recommending Sustainable Practices*

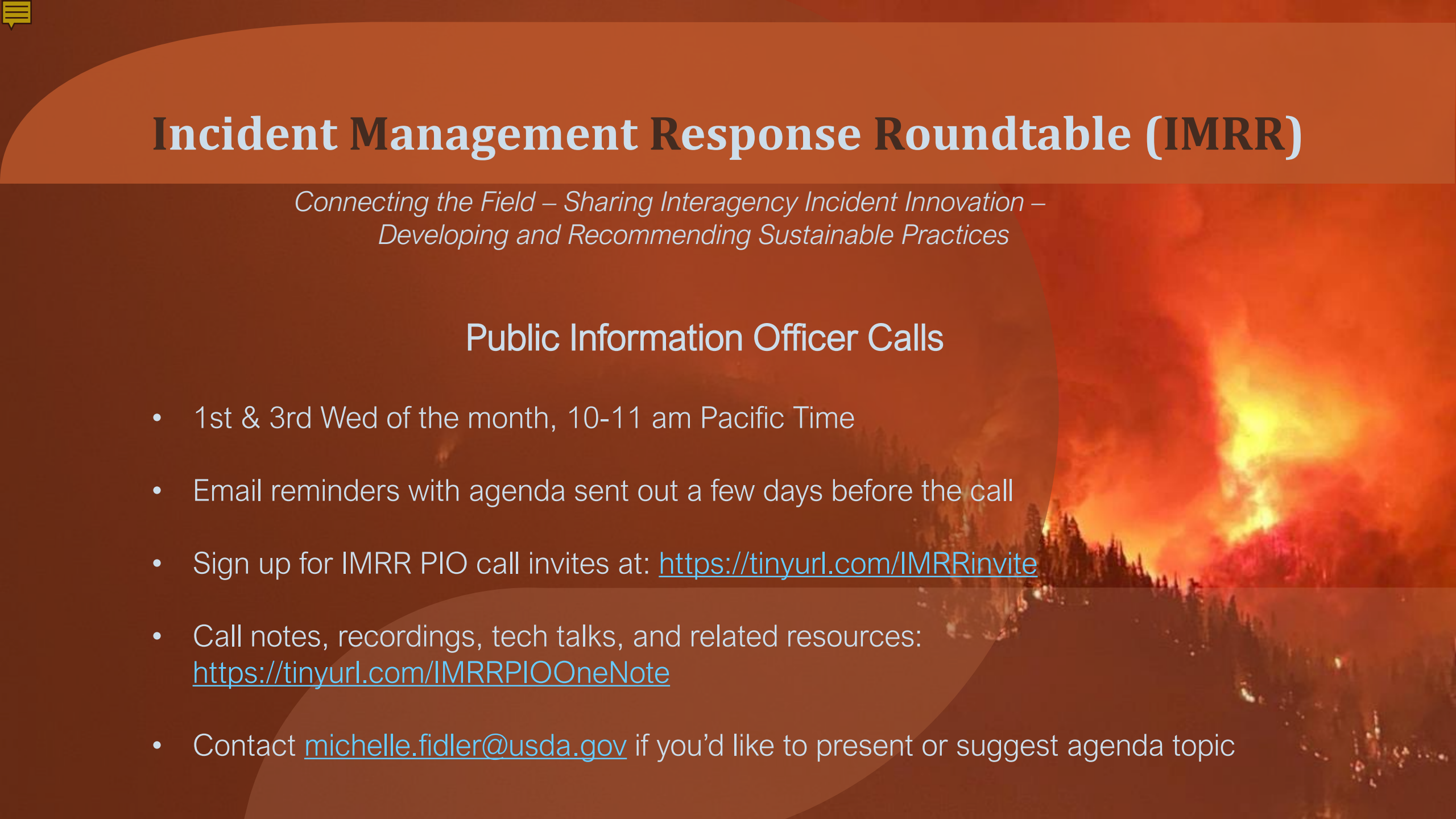




# Incident Management Response Roundtable (IMRR)



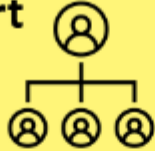

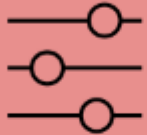

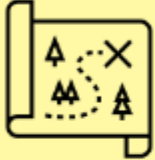





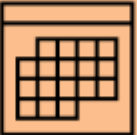






*Connecting the Field – Sharing Interagency Incident Innovation –  
Developing and Recommending Sustainable Practices*

## Public Information Officer Calls

- 1st & 3rd Wed of the month, 10-11 am Pacific Time
  - Email reminders with agenda sent out a few days before the call
  - Sign up for IMRR PIO call invites at: <https://tinyurl.com/IMRRinvite>
  - Call notes, recordings, tech talks, and related resources: <https://tinyurl.com/IMRRPIOOneNote>
  - Contact [michelle.fidler@usda.gov](mailto:michelle.fidler@usda.gov) if you'd like to present or suggest agenda topic
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# 2021 Remote Incident Support Team (RIST) Support

 <b>Remote and Virtual Support</b> Supplementing interagency incident support	<b>103 Incidents Supported</b>  25 SW    47 NR 15 CA    11 NW 1 EA    1 RM	<b>Functional Support</b> RIST coordinator integrates functional support as needed 	<b>158 RIST Staff</b> 140 Federal 10 State 8 Cooperators 
<b>Scalable Support</b> ✓ Intermittent ✓ Short term ✓ Long term ✓ Mentoring 	<b>20 GACC/MAC Requests</b> 2 SW 13 NR 3 CA 	 <b>Situation</b> SITL - GISS	AK AZ CA CO DC GA ID FL LA MI MT NC NM NE NV OR SC TN TX UT VA WY <b>Staff from 24 States</b>
 <b>Harnessing Efficiencies</b> Individuals supporting multiple incidents	 <b>4 Local Units Supported</b> 2 NR 2 CA	<b>Planning</b> PSC – SCKN - DMOB DOCL – TNSP - RESL 	<b>46 Trainees</b> Opportunities based on trainee availability and trainer capacity 
<b>Flexible Staffing</b> Scaling support from call when needed to full time as needed 	 <b>May - October</b> RIST staffed PL 3-5 and beyond based on requests and capacity	 <b>Information</b> PIO – ASL – CART - THSP	 <b>Interagency Staff</b> From State, BIA, BLM, FWS, NPS, USFS, USGS
 <b>Building Capacity</b> Integrating staff unable to travel or provide traditional full-time support	<b>Positive Feedback</b> Field staff appreciated support and customer service 	<b>Finance</b> FSC - TIME – EQTR - PTRC – COST - COMP 	<b>More Info</b> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ristinfo">tiny.url.com/ristinfo</a> 

<https://tinyurl.com/riststorymap>

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<https://tinyurl.com/ristavailabilityform>

# NIFC PIO Jeopardy



Carrie Bilbao, BLM



Sheri Ascherfeld, BLM



# Questions and Answers



Tina Boehle, NPS