September 20, 2023

Reminder of our charge:

The Future of RM7F

o Map out how we would like the next 3 years to look

o Our participation in upcoming IDT's

o Meeting dates - Schedule through 2026

All of the above topics were discussed at length with an abundance of solutionbased results. We talked about being one of the only Zones that does not provide services but is mainly an information resource. We talked about how realistic it would be for our Zone to provide services and what that would look like taking into consideration all the rural areas that make up our Regions.

Our primary focus will be to build value in our Zone to take back to our Regions. Reach out to other Zones for suggestions and input. Our Zonal Contacts are already front line with the US Zones and have a good idea of their functionality. Other ideas would be to merge with another Zonal Forum. Outcome is to have our Zonal Contacts do some research and to meet virtually in September and November to review some options.

I am sending a copy of the guidelines from Plains State Zonal Forum and NEZF as something to consider. In our discussion

PSZF-Guidelines-Policy-2021-05.pdf

2022-10-NEZF-Guidelines.pdf

Suggested Agenda:

Schedule dates first so we are not doing it at the end. Please remember to include a meeting in November and I will do my best to make it work.

Begin Discussion of what we like about the above two zones. And take bullet point notes of what intrigues us.

When brainstorming is done, if there is time, prioritize those items.

Finally ensure that directions are clear for moving forward. Can we begin refining a proposed guidelines change via email and then when we meet in November, make final decisions and begin presenting it to our member regions.

Hope this helps.