

## RMZF Minutes 9/23/23 and Zonal Contact Report

HI All,

Thank you for your participation and discussion on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. After much discussion it was decided that RMZF will remain as is, an information sharing and best practices service body. Much of the body felt that the RD's already have a lot to manage and adding a functioning body would add to the already full workload. It was also decided that we would meet in person moving forward. Starting with the July Forum meeting. I believe Montana will host.

Dawn and I attended the US Collaboration of Zones on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Most of the discussion was around the decision to move forward with the US Collaboration of Zones. Consensus was not reached to move forward. There were 2 Zones that did not approve. One was the RMZF. Dawn and I felt that we did not ask the Zone if we were okay with moving forward. We asked that the vote be tabled until the January meeting, so we could talk to the Zone at the November meeting and give our decision in January. One other Zone had the same thought and voted no as well.

86% of the regions that have responded to the survey are in favor of moving forward. If approved at the January meeting the Task Team will begin building the committee and elections will be held sometime in early 2024. The Task Team will begin work on implementing the short and long term plans and objectives. All this will be presented to Zones for information and approval.

Thanks and Hugs,

Dawn and Chuck