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TOPICS:

- SLIPS, TRIPS, & FALLS AND HAZARDOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS
 - **SPRING MELTS, MUD PUDDLES, AND SHOWERS - LIGHTNING AND THUNDER**
 - ENSURE THAT YOU ARE:
 - MONITORING LOCAL WEATHER CONDITIONS
 - COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR TEAM
 - WEARING AND USING THE PROPER CLOTHING AND GEAR
 - **HEAT ILLNESS PREVENTION AND AWARENESS**
 - KEEP PLENTY OF WATER ON HAND
 - TAKE REGULAR BREAKS IN SHADE OR COOLED AREAS
 - KEEP EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION LINES OPEN
 - MONITOR AT-RISK EMPLOYEES
- PERSONAL AND AGRICULTURAL VEHICLE SAFETY
 - **RISK FACTORS WHILE OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES**
 - HAZARDOUS WEATHER & OBSTACLES
 - DISTRACTED DRIVING
 - FATIGUE/ILLNESS
 - FAULTY/INSECURE EQUIPMENT
 - **BEST PRACTICES**
 - DO A VEHICLE INSPECTION BEFORE USE
 - DO NOT GET BEHIND THE WHEEL IF YOU ARE:
 - INTOXICATED
 - ILL
 - INCAPACITATED/INJURED
 - NOT TRAINED FULLY IN THAT VEHICLE'S USE
 - USE PROPER SAFETY MECHANISMS, INCLUDING:
 - ROLL-OVER PROTECTIONS (ROPS)
 - SAFETY BELTS
 - CARGO STRAPS/SECURE ATTACHMENTS
 - ANY AND ALL PPE REQUIRED
 - DISCONNECT/SILENCE YOUR CELLPHONE
 - HANDS-FREE KEEPS YOUR ATTENTION ELSEWHERE

TOPICS:

- ERGONOMICS IN AGRICULTURE
 - **PREVENT MSDs (MUSCULAR-SKELETAL DISORDERS) BY:**
 - ENCOURAGING ERGONOMIC CONSULTATIONS & ACCOMMODATIONS
 - USING THE HIERARCHY OF CONTROLS TO ELIMINATE RISKS WHEN POSSIBLE
 - TAKING BREAKS FROM AWKWARD POSITIONS & REPETITIVE TASKS
 - REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF FORCE NEEDED TO COMPLETE TASKS

- PESTICIDE AND CHEMICAL SAFETY
 - **ENSURE YOUR EMPLOYEES AND ALL VISITORS ARE PROTECTED FROM ACCIDENTAL EXPOSURE BY:**
 - PROVIDING ADEQUATE TRAINING ON APPLICATION, TRANSPORT, AND STORAGE
 - KEEPING DETAILED AND EFFECTIVE SDS AND HAZCOM MATERIALS
 - PROPERLY MIXING OR CONTAINING CHEMICALS
 - COMMUNICATING ALL HAZARDS TO ALL AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS

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- TOPICS FOR THE NEXT MEETING - (DATE TBA):
 - **HEAT ILLNESS AWARENESS/PREVENTION**
 - **MECHANICAL SAFETY - MACHINE GUARDS, LOCKOUT/TAGOUT, AND PPE**
 - **EXCAVATION: CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!**
 - **UPDATING AND ADDING TO THE COMMITTEE ROSTER LIST**
 - **INCREASING ACCESSIBILITY TO SHARED DRIVE/TEAMS**

UPCOMING TRAININGS, SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, ETC:

- PALOUSE CONSERVATION FIELD STATION SAFETY DAY - WHITMAN COUNTY, WA - DATE TBA

- TFREC TRACTOR & AGRICULTURAL SAFETY FIELD DAYS - MOUNT VERNON, WA - APRIL & MAY, FALL 2025

- WASHINGTON STATE GOVERNOR'S SAFETY CONFERENCE - SPOKANE, WA - 09/24-25/2025