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To: Geographic Area Coordinating Group Chairs,
Geographic Area Coordination Center Managers

From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

Subject: Incident Management Team and Crew Coordinators Activation

Due to increased fire activity in multiple geographic areas (GA) and high demand and limited availability of Incident Management Teams (IMTs), Type 1 crews, and Type 2 initial attack (IA) crews, it is necessary to manage assignment of these critical resources nationally.

NMAC has activated a national crew coordinator and a national IMT coordinator to gather intelligence and make recommendations to NMAC on the allocation of these critical resources. This activation is consistent with NMAC management actions identified in the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*, specific to when demand exceeds supply (see Chapter 20, page 29). The following processes apply until this memo is rescinded:

- All requests (including extension requests) for Complex, Type 1, Type 2, and National Incident Management Organization (NIMO) IMTs must be approved by the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC). This applies to all assignments, internal and external to the geographic area.
- For emerging incidents posing an imminent threat, internal IMTs (including those on preposition) can be mobilized immediately if the following criteria are met:
 - The incident is new, emerging, and/or the situation has changed dramatically.
 - The consequences of any delay in mobilization are clearly articulable and include a likelihood of life-threatening situations and/or real property damage.
 - An internal IMT is available to be mobilized immediately. An internal resource would include resources on geographic area preposition but not those on a national preposition.
 - Notification to the NMAC liaison for your Geographic Area (GA) and the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) is required at the time an immediate threat mobilization is proposed. NMAC will provide a decision as soon as possible regardless of time of day or NMAC meeting schedule. This decision will be promptly communicated through your GA's NMAC liaison and the coordination system.
- T1 and T2IA crews may be committed to new/emerging incidents with notification to the NICC.
- T1 or T2IA crew orders unable to be filled within the GA will be placed to NICC. This direction supersedes *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*, Chapter 10, page 5, relating to the movement of resources between Northern and Southern California GAs only as it relates to T1 and T2IA crew resources.
- GAs will notify the crew coordinator and report out on the NICC call when a Type 1 or Type 2IA crew is available (including reassignments).



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NMAC will make decisions daily or as needed on IMT and crew allocation. Requests for IMT replacements or extensions on active incidents must be submitted by day 10 of the assignment for review and approval by NMAC. All requests should be sent to your NMAC Liaison and the NICC by email (blm_fa_coordinator_on_duty@blm.gov).

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CC:
- NMAC Representatives

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