



## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN COORDINATING GROUP**

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**Bureau of Land Management** (Colorado and Wyoming)  
**Fish and Wildlife Service** (Mountain/Prairie Region)  
**Forest Service** (Rocky Mountain Region)  
**National Park Service** (Intermountain and Midwest Regions)  
**State Agencies in Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas**

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To: Rocky Mountain Area Agency Administrators

From: Rocky Mountain Coordinating Group Chair

Subject: Cross-training Between IMT's and FUMT

As land managers within the Rocky Mountain Area (RMA) continue to move more towards wildland fire use, a need exists for Incident Management Teams (IMT's) to be skilled in Wildland Fire Use (WFU). Typically, most Type II IMT's have little or no experience managing WFU incidents.

The RMCG recommends RMA agencies require their Command and General Staff trainees, regardless of team type, to be cross-trained on both WFU and wildland fire suppression incidents. This specifically applies to Incident Commander, Operations Section Chief, Safety Officer, and Fire Behavior Analyst positions. This will help diversify the experience of our RMA IMT members overall benefiting the RMA fire managers.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Lindon Wiebe*

Lindon Wiebe  
RMCG Chair