



## EASTERN AREA COORDINATING GROUP

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 To: Eastern Area Coordinating Group  
 From: Eastern Area Operations Working Team  
 Subject: Out of Eastern Area Mobilization for 2020

The Eastern Area Operations Working Team (EA-OWT) was tasked by the Eastern Area Coordinating Group (EACG) to develop recommendations for Wildfire Suppression Module standards and mobilizing resources out of the Eastern Area considering current COVID-19 safety concerns and protocols.

### EA-OWT Options Supported by EACG:

- Mobilize 8-10-person Wildfire Suppression Modules in lieu of 20-person hand crews.
  - Expectation is that the modules will be self-sufficient for all travel days and any days not supported by a wildfire IMT. This will include but not limited to lodging, meals, fuel, and COVID-19 specific PPE.
  - EA Wildfire Suppression Module standard will be 8-10-people with a minimum of one CRWB, two FFT1 and one FAL2. Either the CRWB or one of the FFT1 must also be ICT5.
- Mobilize 20-person hand crews.
  - If a 20- person crew is to split into suppression modules once on assignment, individual modules must meet the above module standards.
  - Agencies wishing to build Type 2IA 20-person hand crews will coordinate with the EACC to ensure adequate support for mobilization and transportation.
- Modules and single resources should consider relative risks of flying and exposure with traveling long distances versus ability to be self-sufficient.
- Assignment length will remain 14 days plus travel unless extensions are approved or longer tour of duty was agreed upon prior to mobilization.
- Expectation from EACG is that the requesting/ordering unit will have a COVID-19 plan in place before resources are mobilized. The sending unit should be able to inform personnel as to what plans are in place by the requesting unit and how the sending unit will coordinate for care and return travel.



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