

Eastern Area Coordinating Group Operations Working Team

FOREST SERVICE

Date: April 16, 2020 Subject: Out of GACC IMT Application Evaluation and Determination

Issue: Ensure a timely and appropriate response to other geographic areas.



EACC receives notification from other GACC's that Eastern Area applicants have been selected for out of GACC IMT participation. EACC will forward the notifications to the EA team coordinator.



The EA IMT Coordinator will cross-reference potential selectees with the EA IMT rosters with an eye towards known qualification shortages. The Team coordinator will document findings and provide the information to the EA OWT.

The EA OWT in association with the Eastern Area Incident Commanders will review the IMT Coordinator submission and provide a recommendation of approval or denial of selectee participation on out of GACC IMT's within 72 hours.* If approval of participation is granted the OWT Chair will relay that to the EA IMT Coordinator for notification back to the relevant GACC. If the OWT recommendation is to deny an individual's participation on out of GACC IMTs the EACG liaison to the OWT will take the case to the EACG for a decision.



*Within this 72-hour window the decision space remains through which the individual(s) in question may be contacted through their affiliated Agency to assess the possibility of them participating as an Alternate, at minimum, on the EA IMT's. If this commitment on within GACC IMT participation can be garnered the individual will be permitted to participate on the out of GACC IMT.



The EACG will review the OWT recommendation to deny out of GACC IMT participation within 72 hours of receipt. If the EACG decision is to deny an individual's participation on out of GACC IMTs the EACG Chair will work to provide notification back to the relevant GACC of the decision.

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