



Northern Rockies Coordinating Group

Federal, State, and Local Government Agencies Working Together in Emergency Response Management

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To: Northern Rockies Interagency Wildland Fire Community

From: Chair, Northern Rockies Coordinating Group (NRCG)

Subject: Rescission of Outdated/Irrelevant NRCG Memorandums and Guidance

As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure that guidance and direction provided by the NRCG remains current, relevant, and aligned with national policy and operational needs, we have conducted a review of previously issued memorandums.

Based on this review, eighteen past NRCG memos and/or guidance are no longer applicable due to changes in policy, organizational structure, or procedural updates. This memo serves to formally outline the specific memorandums recommended for rescission and the rationale behind each action.

A detailed list of the memos proposed for rescission is provided in Attachment 1, including title, reference number, original issue date, and a brief justification.

These rescissions will ensure our shared direction reflects current practices and avoids conflicting or outdated guidance.

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ATTACHMENT 1: NRCG Rescinded Memos and Guidance (May 15, 2025)

Memo / Guidance Title	Weblink to Memo	Memo Date / Number	Memo Intent	Justification
AIS Recommendations for Decontamination/Prevention	LINK	06/23/2022 / 2022-006	Protocol for preventing the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) by wildland aviation & fire equipment	PMS 444: <i>Guide to Preventing Aquatic Invasive Species Transport by Wildland fire Operations</i> has replaced the need for this memo. https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/pms444
AIS Species How To Guide	LINK	June 2022	How to Guide	No longer in effect.
CIMT Mobilization Guidance	LINK	07/05/2023 / 2023-005	Mobilization Guidance	No longer relevant.
Face Coverings Guidelines	LINK	7/15/2020 / 2020-009	Face coverings related to COVID-19	No longer relevant.
Fire Suppression Modules	LINK	5/22/2019 / 2019-009	Standardization across NRGAs	Guidance is listed in the NR Mobilization Guide.
GISS Data Standards and Workflows for Wildland Fire	LINK	7/19/2018 / no memo #	2018 GISS Data Standards	No longer relevant.
GISS User Guide: Data Standards for Wildland Fire GIS	LINK	2018 Fire Season	User Guide	No longer relevant.
Hand Crews – Minimum staffing	LINK	04/21/2021 / 2021-007	Minimum staffing for 20-person hand crews	No longer relevant.
Incident Commander Path Process	LINK	8/17/2021 / 2021-008	How to become a NR IC	No longer relevant. NRCG will be replacing with selection criteria expectations that will be placed in the IMT SOG.
Medical Resource Direction	LINK	8/16/2018	MT, ID state medical direction and requirements	No longer relevant. Refer to guidance provided by NWCG's Risk Management Committee.
National Emergency Rental Vehicle (NERV) Agreement	LINK	1/21/2020 / 2020-001	NRCG SOP for NERV Agreement	No longer relevant.
NR IMT Organization	LINK	9/20/2022 / #2022-009	Future of NR IMTs – supporting and rostering five IMTs	No longer relevant.
NRCC Electronic Form Updates for Zone Reports	LINK	1/1/2024 / #2024-009	Electronic Form Updates for Zone Reports	Moving direction to the NRCG Operating Guide and the NR Mobilization Guide.
NRCG Dispatch Improvements	LINK	1/1/2024 / #2024-008	NR Dispatch Improvement and Implementation Effort; including action items	NRCG will reissue updated direction after review of accomplishments
PII Data Guidelines	LINK	Updated 2016	Provides guidelines and expectations for collecting and securing PII data on incidents.	No longer relevant.
Rapid Extraction Module Support	LINK	6/29/2022 / #2022-003	Northern Rockies will move forward in the interim with REMS as a stand-alone extraction unit when required	PMS 552 – <i>NWCG Standards for Rapid Extraction Module Support</i> has replaced the need for this memo. https://www.nwcg.gov/announcement/publications/nwcg-standards-for-rapid-extraction-module-support-pms-552
Rental Vehicles	LINK	6/15/2021 / #2021-009	Lack of Rental vehicle availability	No longer relevant.
Transitioning IMT to CIMT	LINK	7/22/2022 / #2022-007	Transition from Type 1 and 2 IMTs to CIMTs	No longer relevant.