



Northern Rockies Coordinating Group

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To: Northern Rockies Interagency Wildland Fire Community
From: Vice Chair, Northern Rockies Coordinating Group
Subject: Northern Rockies Incident Commander Selections for 2026-2027

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On behalf of the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group (NRCG), I am pleased to announce the selections for Incident Commander, Deputy Incident Commander and Incident Commander Trainee positions for the 2026-2028 NR Incident Management Teams.

Please note that Northern Rockies Team 5 will not be rostered for 2026. NRCG is working with the NRCG Incident Commander Committee and NRCG Operations Committee to implement a strategy to stand up an additional NRCG-sponsored Type 3 IMT, as well as a long-term approach to ensure the viability of our incident management teams into the future.

Northern Rockies Team 1 (CIMT)

- Primary Incident Commander: Brent Olson
- Deputy Incident Commander(s): Drew Daily, Mark Goeller, Shawn Borgen
- Trainee Incident Commanders: Andy Huntsberger

Northern Rockies Team 2 (CIMT)

- Primary Incident Commander: Aaron Thompson
- Deputy Incident Commander: Scott Schuster
- Trainee Incident Commanders: Scott McAvoy, William (Billy) Phillips, Klayton (Shay) Rogge

Northern Rockies Team 3 (CIMT)

- Primary Incident Commander: Mike Behrens
- Deputy Incident Commander(s): Brandon Skinner, Shawn Pearson, Mike Almas
- Trainee Incident Commanders: Patrick Lonergan

Northern Rockies Team 6 (CIMT)

- Primary Incident Commander: Rich Cowger
- Deputy Incident Commander: Don Pyrah
- Trainee Incident Commanders: Troy Phelps, Mario Gomez



Northern Rockies Team 8 (IMT3)

- Primary Incident Commander: Bradly Bergman
- Deputy Incident Commander: Nathan Stephens

Northern Rockies Team 9 (IMT3)

- Primary Incident Commander: Shane Martin
- Deputy Incident Commander(s): Bryce Barth, Michael Kaiser, Ian Quist, Kyle Errecart

The next step in the IMT recruitment process is opening the application period for all individuals interested in serving on an IMT roster. The recruitment period is tentatively scheduled to open Monday, December 8, 2025, and close Friday, January 16, 2026.

Additionally, the Northern Rockies Incident Management Team Meeting will be held April 7–9, 2026, in Missoula, Montana. Thursday, April 9 is tentative and reserved for individual team meetings, as needed. Northern Rockies Team 6 will lead agenda development and coordinate both the general sessions and section breakouts. Additional details will be shared in the coming months.

Thank you for your continued commitment to interagency cooperation and excellence in incident management across the Northern Rockies.



Ryan Melin
Vice Chair, Northern Rockies Coordinating Group

