



Northern Rockies Coordinating Group

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

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To: NRCG Operations Committee
NRCG Incident Commander Committee
Northern Rockies Interagency Wildland Fire Community

From: Chair, Northern Rockies Coordinating Group

Subject: Operations Committee and Incident Commander Committee Alignment and Membership Direction

The Northern Rockies Coordinating Group (NRCG) is providing notification of an organizational alignment between the Operations Committee and the Incident Commander (IC) Committee, consistent with recent NRCG discussions and leader's intent to streamline governance, improve integration, and ensure effective decision-making.

Effective immediately, the Incident Commander Committee will transition to function as a subcommittee and subject matter expert (SME) group under the NRCG Operations Committee. This change is intended to better align operational decision-making with IC experience while maintaining a clear, efficient committee structure. Incident Commanders will continue to provide critical operational insight, recommendations, and professional expertise in support of NRCG priorities, tasking, and decision processes.

The NRCG Operations Committee will remain the primary standing committee for operational matters, with ICs serving in an advisory and SME capacity through the subcommittee structure. Membership within the Operations Committee will be clarified and refined to ensure appropriate representation and accountability. Each NRCG member agency will maintain one voting seat within the Operations Committee, either through the agency operations lead or an identified delegate. Subcommittee participation, including IC representation, will be non-voting and focused on technical expertise, operational perspective, and implementation support.

NRCG will work with the Operations Committee and IC Subcommittee to further define membership criteria, roles, expectations, and charter updates as needed to reflect this alignment. Additional guidance and taskings will be provided to ensure a smooth transition and continuity of ongoing work.

Thank you for your continued leadership, engagement, and commitment to effective interagency operations in the Northern Rockies. Questions regarding this transition may be directed at your NRCG Committee Liaisons, Tate Fischer (Operations Committee) and Patrick Lonergan (IC Committee).

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