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Date: June 14, 2024 NRCG Memo# 2024-006
To: Northern Rockies Interagency Wildland Fire Community
From: Chair, Northern Rockies Coordinating Group
Subject: Recission of NRCG Memo #2020-008

The Northern Rockies Coordinating Group (NRCG) endorses the NRCG Operations Committees recommendation to rescind the #2020-008 NRCG memorandum titled Heavy Equipment Taskforce supervision, June 19, 2020, and revert to prior guidance of using a National Wildfire Coordinating Group Heavy Equipment Boss (HEQB) instead of a Task Force Leader (TFLD) when working with a heavy equipment task force. It is essential to understand that the HEQB will be supervising the heavy equipment "Job Foreman" and not the entire heavy equipment task force.

Recommendation: The NRCG Operations Committee recommends supervision of heavy equipment task forces be overseen by HEQB instead of a TFLD during an incident.

- To maintain span of control the HEQB will be supervising the "Job Foreman" not the entire heavy equipment task force.
- A fully qualified HEQB will be assigned to a heavy equipment task force and not a trainee,
- The splitting up of heavy equipment task forces is discouraged, but if it does occur, and the heavy equipment task force is divided and assigned separate missions, additional HEQB's will be assigned for equipment supervision.

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