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To: Geographic Area Coordination Group Chairs

From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

Subject: Incident Management Team (IMT) Rationale

There continues to be very high demand on Area Command, NIMO, Type 1 and Type 2 Incident Management Teams. Given the extremely limited number of available Incident Management Teams, it is necessary to manage assignments nationally. Effective immediately requests placed to the NICC for Area Command, NIMO, Type 1 and Type 2 Incident Management Teams must be approved by NMAC. Reference the 2017 National Interagency Mobilization Guide, Chapter 20, page 42. In order to facilitate prioritization of team orders, NMAC is requesting ordering units provide rationale and information about the fire.

The following considerations should be addressed in composing rationale for NIMO, Type 1 and Type 2 Incident Management Teams:

Life threatening situations (firefighter or public safety)

- Evacuations currently taking place
- Advisory evacuations
- Evacuation plans in place
- Road, highway, or interstate closures

Real Property Threatened

- Number of structures, commercial and/or residences
- Number of subdivisions
- Name of communities and population
- Historical significant cultural resources
- Natural resources, such as crops, grazing, timber, watershed
- Major power lines, energy sources or other infrastructure

High Damage Potential

- Long term or short term damage potential
- Plausible impacts on community

Incident Complexity

- Multi-jurisdictional
- Fuel type, size and growth potential
- Political situations
- Severity, extreme fire behavior and fuels conditions

Requests for Area Command should address the following:

- An assessment of the risks/threats which warrant the use of an Area Command to include political sensitivities and management implications, general size of the area of responsibility and complexity.
- A description of the proposed assignment for the Area Command Team.

The "Incident Management Team Rationale" form is found at https://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/coord_forms.htm.

All rationale should be sent to your NMAC Liaison and the NICC by e-mail and/or fax. The e-mail address is cod@blm.gov and the fax is 208-387-5414 or 5663.

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