

ISSUE PAPER

Prepared for: Rocky Mountain Coordinating Group, Operations Committee

Submitted: January 6, 2012 Bill Hahnenberg (RMA Type I Team IC)

TITLE: Type I Team Lack of Mobilizations

The RMCG Ops Committee received and reviewed a paper from Type 1 IC Bill Hahnenberg. The paper presented IC Hahnenberg's issues outlined below:

During the last 3 year RMA IMT rotation, the Type I Team was mobilized one time for an 8 day assignment. The Team was available throughout the three year period on a year around basis per National standards.

As the Type I RMA Incident Commander, the issues and concerns with the current situation are as follows:

- It is anticipated that individuals will choose not to participate on the team
- There is little to no incentive to participate on the Type I Team.
- Lack of mobilizations means experienced individuals are not participating in Area fire management activities.

IC Hahnenberg requested the Ops Committee to consider: It is recommended that the RMA adopt a 4 team rotation adding the Type I Team to the current RMA Type II Team rotation. Should an order for a Type I Team be placed, that order would be filled according to the already established Rocky Basin Type I Team rotation.

The RMCG Operations Committee does not support this proposal as written and do not recommend it for consideration by RMCG for the following reasons:

- RMA Type II Teams currently experience similar issues and concerns
- We want to honor the current complexity analysis process which we feel may be confused by this recommendation.

We as the Operations Committee intend to continue work with RMA Incident Commander Hahnenberg to identify potential opportunities for mobilization in coordination with RMACC and recognize this as a very valid issue.

The RMCG Ops Committee requests recognition of the issue by RMCG and requests support in identification of opportunities for assignments.

ACTION TAKEN

(Circle One)

APPROVED / APPROVED AS MODIFIED BELOW / REJECTED / DEFERRED UNTIL: _____

1/23/12

Date

/s/ Robert J. Jones / Chair
Rocky Mountain Coordinating Group

RMCG Rationale: