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To: SW Geographic Area Administrators, Fire Management Officers, Dispatch Centers, and Incident Management Teams

From: Southwest Coordinating Group (SWCG)

Topic/Issue: Update on Northern New Mexico Interagency Dispatch Optimization Pilot Project (IDOPP)

- The Recommendation Team has requested the assistance of the Southwest Communication Committee (FS, BLM, BIA, FWS, NPS, State of New Mexico) to help determine and identify needs from a radio infrastructure standpoint, as well as requirements for a “stand alone” dispatch center that would meet all the agencies’ needs.
- The Recommendation Team has requested the assistance of the General Services Administration (GSA) to determine and identify variables from a facilities and economic standpoint that need to be considered in recommending a viable location for a consolidated dispatch location (city).
- Due to the amount of information requested and the workload associated with the approaching fire season, the Recommendation Team has requested an extension from July 2015 to December 2015 for the recommendation due date.
- The Recommendation Team is gathering additional data to better determine what the consolidated dispatch center’s workload and staffing levels would look like. This data will also be used to determine what each agency would contribute financially to the consolidated dispatch center based on agency workload.
- The Recommendation Team has contacted and informed all three Forest Supervisors (Santa Fe, Carson, Cibola National Forests) of the ongoing progress for recommendation to the Coordinating Group.
- The Recommendation Team updated the Southwest Coordinating Group on the team’s progress via conference call on May 14, 2015.
- Refer to the April 1, 2015, memo posted on the SWCG “*Memorandums & Documents*” page.
<http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/swcc/operations/memorandums/memorandums.htm>

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