

### **Southwest Area Type 3 IMT Out of Zone Rotation Guidelines**

The Southwest Area has numerous Type 3 Incident Management (IMT3) Teams, which are sponsored by local interagency Zone Coordinating Groups, to manage local area extended attack fires. At the discretion of the local zone board members, IMT3s may be made available to respond to Out of Zone/Area incidents.

The intent of these guidelines is to establish a common and impartial rotation process for mobilizing IMT3s to incidents outside the Southwest Area:

- The rotation for Southwest Area Type 3 Teams to mobilize outside of the Geographic Area will be managed by the Southwest Coordination Center and will be displayed on the Overhead and IMT Tactical Report on the SWCC website.
- The rotation will be established each Spring via a random lottery
- An unassigned, available IMT3 in the rotation list will have a status of Available Local (AL), Available GACC (AG), Available National (AN)
- An IMT3 must report availability as “AN” to be considered for out of area assignments
- IMT3s returning from out of area assignments will be placed at the bottom of the rotation, ensuring that all other teams have had the opportunity for out of area assignments, regardless of the date or length of the assignment
- Southwest Area assignments are not part of the rotation and do not cause an IMT3 to “drop” in the rotation
- If an IMT3 goes unavailable or local only, they will not lose their rotation slot
- The Out of Area Rotation Guidelines will be adhered to whenever possible. The SWCC Center Manager and/or SWCG Chair retains decision space to deviate from the rotation given certain condition and/or factors, such as; date/time needed, National/Southwest needs and Agency specific requirements
- Based on current fire condition or predicted needs, there may be occasions when SWCG may choose not to commit all IMT3s, thus putting a pause on the Out of Area Rotation
- During periods of PL 4 and 5 within the Southwest Geographic Area, SWCG may restrict SWA IMT3s to mobilizing “in GACC only” incidents