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Recruitment Notice for 2009 Southwest Type 1 and 2 Incident Management Teams (Closes December 15, 2008)

To: Potential Team Members, Agency Administrators, Fire Management Officers, and Dispatch Center Managers

From: Southwest Coordinating Group, (SWCG)

Information

The Southwest Geographic Area consists of Arizona, New Mexico, and Federal lands in West Texas and panhandle areas of Oklahoma. The Southwest Area hosts two Type 1 and four Type 2 interagency Incident Management Teams (IMTs). The Southwest will be sponsoring a Fire Use Management Team jointly with the Northern Rockies Geographic Area; that recruitment will come later. Regional and state agency managers in the Southwest continue to support and appreciate staff participation on these teams.

These teams manage high complexity incidents; the teams usually consist of the most experienced incident management personnel. Although their primary response is wildfire, the teams may respond to all-risk incidents such as hurricanes, floods, or other national emergencies.

Type 1 teams may be called on year round per a national rotation. Type 2 teams typically remain available spring through late summer, and are assigned on a “closest forces” concept in the Southwest, as well as a rotation. Team assignments may be up to 14 days, exclusive of travel, but are often shorter.

All team positions are filled on an annual basis, except Incident Commanders whom have a three year tenure. No primary, alternate, or assigned trainee member of a Southwest team will be on more than one IMT. Qualified individuals from all units and agencies are encouraged to apply provided they are able/willing to fulfill the commitment. Positions that lack nominations by current agency employees may be filled by AD’s or contractors. Incomplete applications may be rejected from consideration.

In an attempt to get more individuals involved with Incident Management Teams and develop more trainees, applicants may apply as “shared primary positions” or as “free agent trainees”.

A “shared primary position” requires a pre-established agreement between the IC and individuals willing to share one primary position on one IMT. (An example would be Silver City and Gila IHC’s agreeing to share/provide one DIVS for Cowie’s IMT2. This ensures that a qualified individual will be available when the IMT is assigned, yet one person may not be able to be committed for the entire season).

A “free agent trainee” may be eligible for more assignments which may accelerate their development. They will not be committed to one IMT, but rather placed in a pool of available trainees on a roster managed by SWCC. They may be called to go with any

SW IMT. Applicants still have the choice of applying as a trainee with preference to one team.

For 2009, all SW IMT's should carry a Fire Use Manager (FUM1 or FUM2) position to assist when implementing Appropriate Management Response (AMR) or resource benefit incidents. This is not an additional position, but is a primary IMT member who also has FUM1 or FUM2 qualifications. Individuals who are FUM1 or FUM2 qualified, and have other needed team qualifications, are invited to apply. (See Mob Guide for list of regular IMT positions).

Annual Southwest IMT Schedule:

Scheduled Event	Date	Participants
Nomination Letter to FMOs, Agency Administrators and potential IMT members	November 1, 2008	SW Operations Group
Nominations Due	December 15, 2008	SW IMT Applicants
IMT selection meeting at SWCC	January 15, 2009	SW IC's and SW Operations Group
IC's notify IMT members and rosters posted on SWCC website	January 22, 2009	IC's and SWCC
Annual SW IMT meeting for all teams	February 18-19, 2009	All IMTs, SWCG, etc. Radisson–Albuquerque, NM
SW IC and SWCG post fire season After Action Review	Columbus Day week. October 14, 2009.	ICs, SWCG, SW Operations Group

2009 Southwest IMT Availability Periods:

Type Team	Designation	Name of IC	Last as IC	Year	Normal Season	Minimum
Type 1	Hughes	Dugger Hughes	2010		Year Round	
Type 1	VanBruggen	Bill VanBruggen	2010		Year Round	
Type 2	CWZ	Tony Sciacca	2009		4/1-9/1	
Type 2	NAZ	Denny Nelson	2011		5/1-9/10	
Type 2	EAZ	Pruett Small	2010		3/15-8/1	
Type 2	NM	Craig Cowie	2010		4/1-8/15	

Nominations are currently being accepted for the Southwest IMTs. Individuals who would like to be considered as trainees, alternates, or shared primary positions also need to apply.

All individuals must submit this Nomination Form and a copy of their current Incident Qualifications record or red card to their respective agency representative on the Operations Group, (see table below). Out of Area applicants need to send their nomination directly to the Southwest Coordination Center, (see table below). ***All applications must be approved by the applicant's immediate supervisor, include any other required local line officer approvals, and be submitted by December 15, 2008.*** Local agency submissions such as local fire departments must go to the Arizona or New Mexico State Forestry representative. Submissions may be made by FAX or electronically to:

(please confirm FAX receipt by calling agency representative)

Agency	Operations Group Agency Representative	e-mail address	FAX number	Confirmation Phone Number
FS	Rich Nieto - FS	rmnieto@fs.fed.us	505-842-3806	505-842-3418
NM- BLM	Dave Bott - NM BLM	dbott@blm.gov	505-438-7580	505-438-7430
AZ- BLM	Kelly Castillo - AZ BLM	kelly_castillo@blm.gov	602-417-9554	602-417-9550
NM State	Eugene Pino NM State Forestry	eugene.pino@state.nm.us	505-425-9360	505-425-7472
AZ State	Kevin Boness AZ State Forestry	kevinboness@azstatefire.org	928-779-2143	928-774-1425
BIA	Jason Greenlee BIA Rep (All Regions)	jason.greenlee@bia.gov	928-729-5029	928-729-7392
FWS	Mark Kaib - FWS	mark_kaib@fws.gov	505-248-6475	505-248-6819
NPS	Jeff Hickerson - NPS	jeff_hickerson@nps.gov	505-988-6045	505-988-6094
Non- SW	Out of Area Applicants Kenan Jaycox (SWCC)	kjaycox@fs.fed.us	505-842-3801	505-842-3473

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