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To: USFS, Washington Office Fire/Aviation Management

From: Southwest Coordinating Group

Subject: Phoenix National Incident Management Organization (NIMO) Large Incident Organization Study

The Southwest Coordinating Group has a goal of determining the appropriate mix and number of Type 1, 2, and 3 teams/organizations for the Southwest Geographic Area. We are requesting Phoenix NIMO to assist with analysis of large incident organizational needs for the Southwest Geographic Area. We prefer Phoenix NIMO since they are familiar with our geographic area. We will provide the necessary staff and records to assist with this project. Agency contact names will be provided upon request.

Factors to be considered in this effort should include:

- Historical use and frequency of team assignments
- Incident organization response to updated federal wildland fire policy
- Capacity of agencies to supply incident organizations/personnel
- Inclusion of recommendations from the national IMO study

Deliverables should include the following:

- The appropriate number and mix of Type 1-3 teams needed to manage a typical fire season
- The contribution (numbers of employees) that each agency is supplying based on their usage of teams and the future expected employee contribution that each agency should supply.
- Critical skills shortage areas and suggestions on how to ensure adequate succession
- Current SW rotation policies and recommended rotation policies
- Availability of retirees, all-hazard Type 3 teams for surge capacity
- Recommendations on financial/administrative support for IMTs (i.e. team meetings)

We hope to have this report submitted to the SWCG by September 30, 2011. Bill Van Bruggen, (505) 842-3206, with the USFS will be the primary contact for the SWCG on this effort.

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