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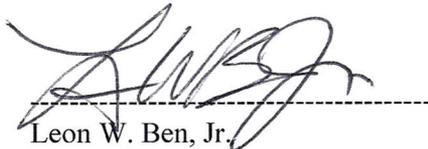


Date: July 14, 2011
To: Southwest Area Fire Management Officers and Unit Aviation Managers
From: Chair, Southwest Coordinating Group
Topic/Issue: Rescission of Phase 2 Interim Duty Limitations for Federal, State and Vendor Flight Crews

The National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group has rescinded Phase 2 Interim Flight and Duty Limitations as of July 12, 2011. The SWCG Aviation Committee monitored aviation activity in the area and worked with aviation managers to grant exemptions when warranted. The sustained level of fire activity experienced in the Southwestern Area has recently abated, subsequently; communications with resources in the field indicate that fatigue is becoming less of a factor with flight crews. We appreciate everyone’s efforts in maintaining safe aviation operations during this record setting season.

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Attachment:
 --NMAC Phase 2 Duty Rescission Memo



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July 8, 2011

To: Geographic Area Coordination Group Chairs
From: National Multi Agency Coordinating Group
Subject: Reestablishment of Phase 1 Standard Flight and Duty Limitations

The sustained level of fire activity experienced in select geographical areas has abated over the last two weeks. Communications with resources in the field indicate that fatigue is becoming less of a factor with flight crews.

With that, a decision has been made to discontinue the Phase 2 Interim Flight and Duty Limitations and resort back to Phase 1 Standard Flight and Duty Limitations. The change will take effect on Tuesday July 12, 2011. This date was chosen in order to ensure a complete duty cycle has been made, and that every flight crew has had an opportunity to benefit from the Phase 2 limitations.

As always, this does not diminish the authority or obligation of any individual Contracting Officer Representative or Aviation Manager to impose shorter duty days or additional days off at any time for any flight crew members for fatigue. This is currently provided for in agency direction and contract specifications.

/s/ Karyn Wood
Chair, NMAC