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Date: October 8, 2015

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

From: Southwest Coordinating Group (SWCG)

Subject: 2016 Selection of Southwest Incident Commanders (ICs) and Incident Commander Priority Trainees

On October 5, 2015 the SWCG conducted interviews with ICs for the vacant Type1 & Type 2 Incident Commander position(s).

The information obtained from each applicant assured us that we have highly qualified personnel to carry forward the leadership for our SW Teams. The Southwest Coordinating Group would like to present to you Ms. Bea Day as the Type1 Incident Commander, who has taken over Team # 1; Mr. John D. Pierson as the Type 1 Incident Commander, for Team # 2; and Mr. Alan Sinclair as the Type 2 Incident Commander (Team 3).

In addition the SWCG ranked the Incident Commander Priority Trainees as such:

Type 1 IC Priority Trainee

1. Mr. Richard Nieto

Type 2 IC Priority trainees

1. Judy Palmer
2. Edward Hiatt

Deputy and Alternate IC selection will be part of the January 2016 IMT selection process.

We are fortunate to have individuals in the SW Geographic Area willing to take on this responsibility that requires a great amount of commitment and vision in our development of our future IMT members.

/s/ Calvin E. Pino

Chair, Southwest Coordinating Group