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To: Geographic Area Coordinating Groups

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Subject: National Contract Type 2 and Type 2 Initial Attack Crews - Availability and Mobilization

In 2021 the USDA Forest Service (FS) solicited a Call-When-Needed (CWN) contract for Type 2 and Type 2 Initial Attack (IA) Crews. A significant number of the crews that were awarded a contract have their base of operations in the Pacific Northwest and were previously under contract with the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). The FS worked diligently to get these CWN contracts initiated and ensure these crews were available for national mobilization by early summer of 2021. Many of these crews physically reside within the Pacific Northwest, Great Basin, and Northern California Geographic Areas. As a result, they are also dispatched and coordinated through the Coordination Centers in those Geographic Areas.

These crews are considered mission critical resources nationally and need to be managed and allocated according to national direction and priorities. We ask for your cooperation to ensure that these crews are nationally allocated by the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) according to National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) priorities to serve all Geographic Areas. The NMAC and the NICC have the authority and at any time may assign these crews to Geographic Areas to meet national priorities and achieve equitable allocation to the extent possible.

Given our current state of conditions with limited resource availability, specifically relating to crews, the NMAC will be working with the NICC to assign Contract Type 2 and Type 2 IA crews to priority Geographic Areas to ensure that Type 1 and Type 2 IA crews are being utilized appropriately to meet critical operational missions that require crews of that caliber. Please note that this direction affects all Geographic Areas that host Contract Type 2 and Type 2 IA crews. The NICC will coordinate with all Geographic Area Coordination Centers to ensure Contract Type 2 and Type 2 IA Crews they host are being mobilized to meet national priorities.

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