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To: Geographic Area Coordination Group Chairs
From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC)
Subject: Incident Management Team (IMT) Rationale

There continues to be very high demand on NIMO, Type 1 and Type 2 Incident Management Teams and demand is exceeding the supply. Given the extremely limited number of available Incident Management Teams, it is necessary to manage assignments nationally. Effective immediately requests for Area Command, NIMO, Type 1 and Type 2 Incident Management Teams must be approved by NMAC. This includes internal assignments, except for emerging incidents posing an imminent threat to life and property. Reference the 2018 National Interagency Mobilization Guide, Chapter 20, page 41. In order to facilitate prioritization of team orders, NMAC is requesting ordering units provide rationale and information about the fire.

The following considerations should be addressed in composing rationale for NIMO, Type 1 and Type 2 Incident Management Teams:

Life threatening situations (firefighter or public safety)

- Evacuations currently taking place
- Advisory evacuations
- Evacuation plans in place
- Road, highway, or interstate closures

Real Property Threatened

- Number of structures, commercial and/or residences
- Number of subdivisions
- Name of communities and population
- Historical significant cultural resources
- Natural resources, such as crops, grazing, timber, watershed
- Major power lines, energy sources or other infrastructure

High Damage Potential

- Likelihood that long- or short-term damage will occur to values at risk
- Severity of impact on community if damage occurs

Incident Complexity

- Multi-jurisdictional
- Fuel type, size and growth potential
- Political situations
- Severity, extreme fire behavior and fuels conditions



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There are 3 Area Command Teams available nationally. NMAC believes this resource should be utilized to assist impacted units and geographic areas during these periods of high fire occurrence resulting in critical resource shortages. Area Command can assist with long-range planning for assignment and replacement of multiple Incident Management Teams and the complexing of incidents within an area of responsibility.

Requests for Area Command should address the following:

- An assessment of the risks/threats which warrant the use of an Area Command to include political sensitivities and management implications, general size of the area of responsibility and complexity.
- A description of the proposed assignment for the Area Command Team.

The “Incident Management Team Rationale” form is found at:

https://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/coord_forms.htm

All rationale should be sent to your NMAC Liaison and the NICC by e-mail and/or fax. The e-mail address is cod@blm.gov and the fax is 208-387-5414 or 5663.

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