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To: Garth Fisher, Chair NWCG Executive Board

From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

Subject: Type 3 Incident Management Team Qualifications and Local Area Definition

Attached is the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) response to the Coordinating Group Advisory Council (CGAC) for the request to extend the October 1, 2018 deadline for Type 3 Incident Management Teams to meet position and team configuration standards for mobilizations out of geographic areas. The NMAC response is consistent with decisions by the NWCG Executive Board to maintain the October 1, 2018 deadline. NMAC's role is focused on team configuration standards for out-of-geographic area mobilizations. The position standards and timeline for implementation of position standards are in NWCG's area of responsibility.

As stated in the attached response to CGAC, NMAC continues to evaluate the request for defining local dispatch area as proposed by CGAC: "within geographic area boundaries managed by geographic area coordinating groups or within states split by geographic area boundaries, examples include California, Idaho, Wyoming and Texas." NMAC has numerous concerns: one, the proposed definition from CGAC is too large; and two, the area may be too diverse geographically to not use the Type 3 position standards after October 1, 2018.

The definition of hosting unit local dispatch area (local dispatch area) as referenced by the attached 2016-016 NWCG correspondence needs clarification. NMAC is requesting assistance from NWCG to define hosting unit local dispatch area. This could require revisions to the 2016-016 NWCG correspondence.

NMAC appreciates the work of NWCG and looks forward to more discussion on finalizing these issues associated with Type 3 incident management teams prior to October 1, 2018. Please contact me if you have questions.

/s/ Dan Smith
NMAC Chair

