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To: Geographic Area Coordination Group Chairs

From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC)

Subject: National Interagency Incident Radio Support Cache (NIRSC) Equipment and Frequencies

With western fire season starting to ramp up, the National Interagency Radio Support Cache (NIRSC) is starting to see a sharp increase in damaged equipment returning from the field. They are also receiving phone calls regarding radios being programmed incorrectly. The purpose of this memo is to provide information about changes to the NIRSC equipment and frequencies being deployed for 2018.

All NIRSC radio equipment has been reprogrammed to meet the National Telecommunications and Information Administrations (NTIA) 2019 re-banding requirements. **DO NOT** use frequency guides or pocket cards written prior to 2018. All 2018 NIRSC frequency schemes have the official markings "Controlled Unclassified Information//Basic" printed on the top and bottom of each page and must be stored, disseminated, and disposed of accordingly. COML and COMT personnel should contact their GACC for the new frequencies. This information is also available on the NIFC FTP site in the "Radio Management" folder. Access to this folder requires a NAP user name and password. There are four personnel available within the National Interagency Incident Communications Division that can grant access to the FTP site. To get access send an email to one of the individuals listed below. Once the email is received you will be given directions on how to request NAP access.

- Gary Stewart, [gstewart@fs.fed.us](mailto:gstewart@fs.fed.us)
- Mike Tuominen, [mtuominen@fs.fed.us](mailto:mtuominen@fs.fed.us)
- Jose Lopez, [joselopez@fs.fed.us](mailto:joselopez@fs.fed.us)
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There have also been considerable changes to all NIRSC Repeaters (004312, 004248), Aircraft Links (004370) and Remotes (004330). The NIICD technicians have reported a sharp increase in this equipment returning with damaged RF connectors. This damage is being caused by personnel in the field trying to install UHF cables or adapters to the N-type connectors now installed on the equipment. **DO NOT** use any UHF style connectors on NIRSC equipment, as all connections and RF cables have been changed to N-type. For a complete list of equipment changes see the NIICD Hotsheet: <https://www.nifc.gov/NIICD/hotsheet/hotsheet.html>.

For questions about frequencies, please contact the NIFC CDO, Gary Stewart, [gstewart@fs.fed.us](mailto:gstewart@fs.fed.us) , 208-387-5644. For questions about the equipment please contact Kent Gale, [kgale@blm.gov](mailto:kgale@blm.gov), 208-387-5862

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