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To: Geographic Area Coordination Group Chairs  
From: National Multi Agency Coordinating Group  
Subject: Implementation of Phase 2 Interim Flight and Duty Limitations

The high level of fire activity we are experiencing has been sustained for some time now. Aviation resources have been utilized extensively in our suppression efforts. A review of recent incidents, as well as communication from the field, indicates that fatigue is becoming a factor with some flight crews. Well-rested flight crews are a key component of safe operations and accident prevention.

In order to ensure that our flight crews remain well rested, we have decided to implement Phase 2 Flight Duty Limitations for all Geographic Areas. Beginning Monday June 27, 2011, the following restrictions will apply to all aviation assets:

- Each flight crew member shall be given an additional day off each fourteen (14) day period. Crews on a twelve (12) and two (2) schedule shall have three (3) consecutive days off (11 and 3). Flight crews on six (6) and one (1) schedules shall work an alternating weekly schedule of five (5) days on, two (2) days off, then six (6) days on and one (1) day off.
- Aircraft fixed daily rates and special rates, when applicable, shall continue to accrue during the extra day off. Contractors may provide additional approved crews to maximize utilization of their aircraft. All costs associated with providing the additional crew will be at the contractor's expense, unless the additional crew is requested by the Government.

Understanding that not all Geographic Areas are engaged at this high level of activity, exemptions to this direction can be made by Regional or State Aviation Managers on a geographic or single resource basis.

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