

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY
To the
National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

The National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) provides an essential management mechanism for national level strategic coordination to ensure that firefighting resources are efficiently and appropriately managed in a cost effective manner. The NMAC is responsible for establishing National and Geographic Area MAC business practices, ensuring timely national level incident information and firefighting resource status. The NMAC establishes national priorities among Geographic Areas, directing, allocating and reallocating firefighting resources among Geographic Areas to meet NMAC priorities. The NMAC also anticipates and identifies future firefighting resource requirements, and coordinates and resolves firefighting resource policy issues. The NMAC consists of representatives from the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), National Park Service (NPS), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), and the National Association of State Foresters (NASF).

The incumbents in the positions listed below constitute the membership of the NMAC and have the authority to manage wildland fire operations on behalf of the signatories to this delegation. Consistent with the responsibilities described above, the NMAC is the national level authority for directing and controlling firefighting resource allocations between Geographic Areas to ensure priority objectives are met, with full authority to take appropriate actions to implement their decisions.

NMAC membership:

Chief, Division of Fire Operations, BLM
Fire Director, NASF
Assistant Director for Wildland Fire Operations, USFS
Director, Branch of Fire Management, BIA
Chief, Branch of Fire Management, FWS
Wildland Fire Program Manager, USFA
Chief, Division of Fire and Aviation, NPS

This authorization applies only to fire suppression resources including aircraft, equipment, Type 1 and 2 crews, Type 1 and 2 Incident Management Teams, NIMO teams, Area Command Teams, Fire Use Teams, smokejumpers, all military and international assets, overhead, and other national contract resources. This authorization specifically provides the authority to manage resource prioritization and allocation between geographical areas. Management of resources within a geographical area is the responsibility of Geographic Area Multi-Agency Coordinating Groups.

To ensure operational capability in the event the primary member is unavailable, members of the NMAC may authorize an individual to act on their behalf with full authority as described above. Such delegation shall be documented in writing in advance, or as soon as practicable in the event of an emergency or other urgent situation, and shared with all primary members.

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The NMAC will develop a national strategy annually with a focus on operational efficiency which will consider the political, social and environmental conditions existing for the upcoming year. The strategy's supporting documents will be updated as necessary to meet changing conditions. In addition to the national strategy, NMAC will also develop and maintain an Operations Plan.

This delegation of authority will remain in effect unless changed or revoked by further direction.



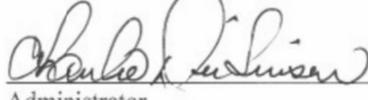
Deputy Secretary
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Date: MAY 24 2007



Chief
U.S. Forest Service

Date: 6/11/2007



Administrator

Date: 6/19/07



President

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