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To: Geographic Area Coordination Group Chairs
From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC)
Subject: COVID-19 Cache Support to Federal Agencies

The primary mission of the National Interagency Support Cache (NISC) system is to provide equipment and supplies to federal, state and local agencies in support of wildfire suppression activities.

The NISC normally carries a nominal supply of infectious disease mitigation supplies, including N95 respirators and infectious disease barrier kits. Understandably, these medical supplies and other supply items such as toilet paper have been requested by local federal units to support non-fire operations. In order to maintain NISC readiness in support of fire activity this year, these types of supplies should only be issued in support of fire activity utilizing established dispatch and incident ordering channels. Orders placed directly with the servicing cache must include a valid financial code and be associated with an established incident number.

Cache managers should exercise discretion and validate incident orders for infectious disease mitigation supplies. At national preparedness levels 4 and 5, cache inventory will be managed by NMAC via the NISC Coordinator.

State and local requests:

Caches are not authorized to provide non-fire COVID-19 cache support directly state/local agencies without a FEMA mission assignment. Requests by state/local agencies for equipment and supplies for COVID-19 support must be routed to the respective state.

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Chair, NMAC

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