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To: Geographic Area Coordinating Group Chairs

From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

Subject: Management of Suppression Resources at National Preparedness Level 5

Due to limited availability and high competition for firefighting resources nationally, the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) provides the following direction effective immediately while operating at National Preparedness Level 5:

Interagency Hotshot, Type 2IA, and Type 2 Crews (contract and agency)

- Requesting units must consult the NMAC Crew Coordinator before committing any crews after rest and recuperation days, including requests for Initial Attack (IA).
- Requesting units will submit IA requests through the NMAC Crew Coordinator.
- In most cases, units should consult the NMAC Crew Coordinator 48 hours *before* crews become available.
- Geographic Areas (GA) may manage crews currently committed within the GA, including between North Ops and South Ops, through established GA processes.
- NMAC will review and make decisions on all crew extensions. Crew extensions are typically only approved in rare cases. If approved, they are for a short duration.

Complex Incident Management Teams (CIMT)

- Requesting units must coordinate with the NMAC CIMT Coordinator and GACC to complete the [Request for CIMT Assignment or Extension form](#) for all new CIMT requests and extensions.
- NMAC may prioritize CIMTs from outside the requesting GA to maintain proficiency, manage the number or assignments, or move teams from one rotation round to the next.
- GAs may assign internal CIMTs to new, emerging incidents, with NMAC approval. The CIMT form is required for all CIMT assignments, including for emerging incidents.
- GAs should continue to communicate with the NMAC CIMT Coordinator on all mobilized CIMTs for NMAC's situational awareness and planning.
- NMAC may approve team extensions only under special circumstances (e.g., prepositions, bringing an incident to closure, reducing incident to a lower complexity incident management organization with a short extension, no replacement team available).
 - GAs should request extensions 96 hours in advance.
- NMAC may request the availability of surge teams and deploy surge teams as needed to add capacity.



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Additional Information and Considerations

- NMAC may exercise its delegated authority to manage all suppression resources to meet national priorities.
- Requesting units should not submit resource orders restricting asset ownership, e.g. federal only.
- Receiving units should not restrict portal to portal assets.
- The NICC, under NMAC's direction, may reallocate drawdown resources to meet higher priorities.
- NMAC requests GAs at PL4 or 5 stand up Multi-Agency Coordinating Groups (MACs) to actively manage suppression resources.
- NMAC requests active GAs to consider forming surge packages controlled by the GA MAC to move from incident to incident for short durations to accomplish key or critical short-term objectives.
- NMAC may direct GAs to make resources available for National Ready Reserve.
- GAs should make resources available nationally for assignments.
- NMAC may evaluate or reprioritize resources ordered on severity.

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