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To: Geographic Area Coordinating Groups
From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group
Subject: Limiting Suppression Repair Work

Due to the unprecedented fire environment, limited availability, and high competition for firefighting resources nationally, the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) is reinforcing language in the *National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization (NISRM)* regarding suppression repair work. Only the most critical suppression repair work should be completed during high preparedness levels when firefighting resources are scarce and should be focused on priority, emerging, and expanding incidents of concern that possess critical values at risk.

NMAC intends to return Complex Incident Management Teams (CIMTs) and firefighting resources to availability and/or reassignment once wildland fire incidents have stopped expanding, reached high containment levels, shifted primarily to suppression repair work, and/or when the complexity of the incident decreases such that it can be managed by a lower complexity incident management organization. CIMTs should not be used to manage ongoing indirect line construction or other non-suppression work when the need is no longer justified and there is a reduction of fire growth, behavior, and projected spread. Firefighting resources may be reassigned by NMAC to other higher priority incidents.

Agency Administrators should limit suppression repair until both fire activity and preparedness levels have decreased nationally. The Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (DOI) or Burned Area Emergency Response (FS) process should be used for tasks like hazard tree abatement within the burned area.

Please distribute this message to agency leadership and executives within your geographic area.

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