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To: Geographic Area Coordinating Groups
From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group
Subject: Availability of Interagency CIMTs at PL 5

Purpose and Intent

At Preparedness Level (PL) 5, the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) has the delegated authority to actively manage all suppression resources as needed, including interagency Complex Incident Management Teams (CIMTs). Extenuating circumstances are straining all resources and personnel in the system. International and all hazard incident management support is being called upon to assist; however, there remains a lack of sufficient incident management resources to provide all requested resources for every fire.

Current Conditions and Direction

Recent surges in activity have resulted in periods of only one and occasionally zero CIMT availability.

- While no orders have gone unfilled (UTF'd) to date, unplanned extensions, targeted reassignments, and delays in meeting initial dates needed have occurred.
- All CIMTs are requested to be available for assignment within seven days of last assignment.

Team Readiness and Support Expectations

- Teams are strongly encouraged to adhere to the unavailability days outlined in the *National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization (NISRM)*. NMAC recommends a minimum of four days and up to seven days if necessary. Geographic Areas (GAs) should inform the National CIMT Coordinator of a CIMT's availability date prior to their demobilization travel.
- CIMTs must meet the minimum requirement of 24 positions identified in the *NISRM*.
- While mobilizing with a robust roster remains ideal, many local units and incident personnel are carrying significant workloads and will benefit from the support a team of any size provides.
- If required or critical positions are lacking, teams should contact their GA or the National CIMT Coordinator for assistance.
- GAs may consider blending rosters from multiple teams to meet staffing needs.

Assignment Considerations

When allocating CIMTs, NMAC will consider multiple criteria including, but not limited to: national rotation, availability, number of assignments, workload distribution, and travel/logistical considerations (*NISRM*, Chapter 20).

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