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To: Geographic Area Coordinating Group Chairs, Coordinating Group Advisory Council,
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From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

Subject: Greening Efforts with Incident Management

Wildland fire agencies and groups have been trying to make a difference on the impact wildland fire management activities have on the environment. The *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations* (Red Book) also states incident management teams should seek opportunities to “reduce unnecessary waste and limit impacts associated with management actions. This may be accomplished, for example, by promoting recycling and encouraging the use of alternative energy sources as long as such efforts do not compromise operational or safety objectives.”

The National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) would like to appeal to the coordinating groups and incident management teams to promote ‘greening’ efforts for all incidents within your respective areas. This should not only include recycling but efforts to reduce waste and reduce impacts to the environment. Best practices should be shared through the Coordinating Group Advisory Council (CGAC) and with all incoming teams.

Additional ideas can be found on the *National Greening Team Quarterly Bulletin*, <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2021-04/Spring%202021%20GFT%20Bulletin3.pdf> and on the following website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/sustainable-ops/>.

While we continue to try to reduce the impacts wildfires have on the environment, we need to be vigilant to reduce the impacts that wildland fire management activities have on the environment.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joshua Simmons Chair, NMAC

