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To: Geographic Area Coordinating Group Chairs

From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

Subject: National Ready Reserve Process and Procedures

As stated in the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*, Chapter 10, and the *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations*, Chapter 19, the National Multi-Agency Coordination Group (NMAC) is identifying and readying specific categories, types, and quantities of fire suppression and support resources in response to ongoing competition for these scarce resources. Resources assembled for this purpose by NMAC are referred to as National Ready Reserve (NRR) resources.

NRR resources are intended to assist Geographic Area Coordinating Groups (GACGs) with a means to accomplish critical tactical missions. Prioritization and use of NRR resources should be based on probability of success, values at risk, and a strategy that will likely result in completing key incident objectives that may maintain or reduce incident complexity and/or resource needs.

NMAC may assemble a variety of resources into NRR response packages. Geographic Area Coordination Centers will be notified by the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) of the availability of NRR packages. Interested GACGs will provide a written request for NRR packages to NMAC through their NMAC liaison within 24 hours of notification. At any time, GACGs may also request specific resources for consideration and assembly by NMAC as NRR resources/packages. Examples of NRR package requests are available from the NICC and your NMAC liaison to assist GACGs with formulation of a request.

Requests for NRR resource packages must include information about the strategy for use of the NRR package. This strategy should be specific and outline how the resources will be utilized to prevent specific incidents from increasing in complexity, and/or to accomplish key incident objectives that decrease long term resource needs on the incident(s). The intent of NRR resource allocation is to assign the group of resources to a series of specific incidents to accomplish critical tactical objectives over the course of a three to seven-day span, and then move the resources to the next priority incident to accomplish key incident objectives. NRR resources should not be spread to multiple incidents where key incident objectives cannot be attained with a single NRR resource.

NRR resources may also be composed of support function personnel intended to assist GACGs with a means to reinforce key support functions during high tempo periods. Requests for support NRR resources should be based on current support function gaps and long-term outlook of support resource needs.

Resources needed for initial attack and long duration incidents should continue to be ordered through the normal ordering process. This process and procedures are specific to NRR resources/packages.



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NRR resources/packages will be assigned to geographic areas; it is the responsibility of the GACGs to ensure NRR resources/packages are utilized in alignment with the original request.

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