

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

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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:

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

- Prior to committing any crews after rest and recuperation days, the NMAC Crew Coordinator must be consulted.
 - This includes initial attack (IA).
- In most cases, this should be accomplished 48 hours *before* crews are available.
 - IA requests will be considered as soon as practicable.
 - IA requests can be made through the NMAC crew coordinator, NMAC liaison, or the NICC COD.
- Crews currently committed within the Geographic Area (GA) may be managed internally including between North Ops and South Ops, through established GA process.
- Crew extensions are not approved except in rare cases for very short durations.

Complex Incident Management Teams

- Replacement Complex Incident Management Teams (CIMTs) must be coordinated with the Team Coordinator.
- CIMTs from outside of the requesting GA may be prioritized by NMAC to maintain proficiency, provide equitable assignments nationally, or move from one rotation round to the next.
- GAs may assign internal CIMTs to emerging incidents.
- GAs should continue to communicate with the Team Coordinator on all mobilizations for NMAC's situational awareness and planning.
- Team extensions will only be approved in rare cases.
 - Extensions should be requested 96 hours in advance.

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.
- At National Preparedness Level (NPL) 5, receiving units should not restrict portal to portal assets.
- Drawdown resources may be reallocated by National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) under the direction of NMAC to meet higher priorities.
- NMAC requests GAs at PL4 or 5 standup Multi-Agency Coordinating Groups (MACs) to actively manage suppression resources.



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- 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 Surge Packages or National Ready Reserve.
- Resources available for assignment should be made available national.
- Resources ordered on severity may be evaluated or reprioritized.

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Cc: Incident Command Advisory Council
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