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Interagency Fire Program Management

Decision Paper #5

Subject: Removal of Initial Attack Dispatcher Position (IADP) from Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) Qualification Standard and Guide

Effective Date: This decision is effective upon release.

Background:

In February 2015 the National Coordination System Committee (NCSC) made a proposal to the IFPM Group to remove the Expanded Dispatch Recorder (EDRC) qualification as a selective placement for GS-5, 6, and 7 Initial Attack Dispatch positions. After review of the proposal, the IFPM group supported the NCSC's request to remove EDRC as a selective placement factor from the identified dispatch positions.

Decision:

The FMB agreed with the recommendation to remove the EDRC requirement for the IADP position. It was also decided that removal of the IADP position from the IFPM Qualification Standard and Guide was appropriate with the removal of the EDRC qualification as a selective placement factor.

The decision that EDRC and Expanded Dispatch Support Dispatcher (EDSD) qualifications will continue to be required for GS-9 and GS-11 dispatch positions (i.e. Initial Attack Lead Dispatcher, Assistant Center Manager and Center Manager) was validated in this process.

Implementation:

The DOI Fire Integrated Recruitment Employment Systems (FIRES) application and USDA Forest Service Open Continuous Recruitments (OCRs) will be updated to reflect this change. Updates will be coordinated for the implementation of this decision in job announcements as soon as possible.

Scope: The revisions outlined in this decision paper apply to all recruitment and qualification determinations for Initial Attack Dispatch positions. Supporting information on the IFPM website will be updated reflect this change at the time of implementation.

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