



FIRE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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SUBJECT: Development of a Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Training Module for the Wildland Fire Community

The Fire Management Board (FMB) requests that the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) undertake development of a succinct training module to disseminate information and expectations related to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). The purpose of the module is to release material (built from existing direction) to the interagency wildland fire community and provide a single web-based training module for consistent key messages on COVID-19 and fire-related topics.

Potential topics include:

- General Prevention Measures & Best Practices (FMB/MPHAT Guidance)
- Screening Criteria (FMB/MPHAT Guidance)
- What to do with a suspected COVID case (in barracks, on incident, etc) (Various guidance)
- What to expect this fire season?
 - Emphasis on initial attack and keeping fires small
 - Pre-roster checklist
 - Emphasis on local resources/mindful movement of resources - local, state, federal across state lines
 - Smaller/dispersed camps
 - LLC updates
 - Resources available - NWCG website, FMB/Firenet
- Safety & Mental Health message

The prompt development of this module is important, and the FMB is available to provide assistance and direction on this request to the NWCG.

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