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SUBJECT: Coordination of Response Efforts Between NWCG and FMB COVID-19 Coordinators

The Fire Management Board (FMB) understands that several National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Committees and Subcommittees may be preparing plans, recommending changes to business practices and/or training and qualification requirements, or undertaking other work in response to the COVID 19 pandemic. Recently, the FMB has tasked L.J. Brown and Elden Alexander with ensuring efforts such as these are coordinated across agencies, groups, and committees.

The FMB requests the NWCG Executive Board and Chairs of any NWCG committees or subcommittees working on COVID 19 response/mitigation efforts coordinate with L.J.Brown and Elden Alexander.

Background: The FMB issued a tasking statement to the COVID-19 Coordinator and back-up Coordinator on 19 March 2020. The tasking is to serve as an FMB liaison to gather interagency information and response efforts related to COVID-19 and provide situational awareness to the FMB.

Numerous NWCG committees and sub-committees are preparing measures to minimize and mitigate the impact of COVID-19 to wildland fire mission. The FMB has the responsibility for federal wildland fire response policy formulation to protect life, property, and resources. The FMB must ensure situational awareness of COVID-19, and effectively manage potential impacts to responders and overall fire readiness.

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