



Agency Administrator Subgroup

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Date: 14 June 2023, 1500 – 1545 MT

Members: Kim Pierson, USFS | Tanya Thrift, BLM | Clay Jordan, NPS | Jesse Bender, IWDG | Mike Haydon, IWDG

Guests: Larry Weddle, IWDG

Not Present: Chad Stewart, Chair, USFS | Lynn Polacca, BIA

AGENDA

Agenda Items:

Geographic Area Standardization Tasking

- Tasking includes request to provide recommendation on standardized processes for Geographic Area Coordinating Groups to participate in CIMT mobilization roster negotiations
- Weddle shared draft response from Coordinating Group Advisory Council (CGAC) to NMAC.
 - Input received from Agency Administrators (AAs), Incident Commanders (ICs), and Coordinating Groups through surveys.
 - Responses noted some geographic areas have higher percentages of local government involvement on IMTs and related concerns to input into decisions, including roster commitments and availability periods.
 - Resource availability discussions should cover overhead, not just operational resources.
 - *NWCG Wildland Fire Risk and Complexity Assessment (RCA)*, PMS 236, should be used as the basis for negotiations, specifically Part D: Functional Complexity.
 - Survey also noted concerns about IMTs being understaffed for the incident.
- AA Subgroup recommends having a third party included in the roster negotiations with IC and AA to provide an outside, non-biased perspective.
 - Identify a consistent way to document the decision as well:
 - Recommend initially using the delegation and using WFDSS thereafter.
 - Concerns expressed that findings show strong cultural bias and resistance to change.
 - Ordering AAs need support being prescriptive toward fire control and containment as the primary use of IMTs.
 - Disincentive for AAs and ICs to account for the principle of reserve; need someone involved in the negotiation who has responsibility to do so.
 - Third party may be a pre-identified representative from the coordinating group or determined based on the ordering agency (i.e., state FMO for a BLM fire).
- Provide additional feedback to Weddle and Bender for consideration in the final response to NMAC.