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MEMORANDUM

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To: NWCG Committee Chairs
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National IC/AC Council Chair

From: NWCG Chair *William Raage*

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Subject: NWCG's Role in Support, Coordination, and All-Hazards Response by Wildland Fire Agencies

The all-hazards environment encompasses a broad spectrum of threats and hazards, both natural and human-caused, including wildland fires. While the primary focus of the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) is the safe and efficient management of resources for wildland fire incidents, it is also recognized that these same resources respond to other types of all-hazards incidents at the national, regional, and local level. The wildland fire discipline and NWCG are inextricably linked to and continue to support the national effort for the development of a common National Incident Management System (NIMS).

As the response to all-hazards becomes increasingly interdisciplinary and interagency, there is a need to understand and define the intent and responsibility of NWCG during such events. The National Response Framework (NRF)/NIMS Committee was tasked by the NWCG Executive Board to develop an all-hazards intent document. The resulting NWCG All-Hazards Intent Document defines NWCG's role in the preparedness for, coordination of, and support to all-hazards incidents. It is based on the premise that the NIMS is the foundation of all incident response organizations, and that NWCG principles, procedures, and publications will comply with and support NIMS.

The NWCG All-Hazards Intent Document will be published in PMS 900: NWCG Operating Principles and Guidelines, and referenced in the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (NFES-2724), or Red Book.

Attachment A: NWCG All-Hazards Intent Document

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