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MEMORANDUM – 27 January 2014

TO: NWCG Executive Board

FROM: Dan Smith, Chair, NWCG Executive Board

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SUBJECT: 2014 Incident Response Pocket Guide, Publication Management System 461

The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Publication Management System (PMS) 461, Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG), has been updated. The hard copy IRPG is expected to be available through the Great Basin Cache by mid-March of this year. Meanwhile, an electronic version of the document can be found on the NWCG website at <http://www.nwcg.gov/?q=publications> use in training. The 2010 hard copy will be valid for fireline use until cache supply is available.

The intent of the IRPG is to provide a wildland fire job aid and training reference for operational personnel from Firefighter Type 2 through Division Supervisor and initial attack/extended attack Incident Commanders. It also has a secondary application for all-hazard incident response.

The 2014 edition of the Incident Response Pocket Guide reflects feedback and input received since the 2010 version was released. To denote these changes, and to allow easy recognition of the current version, the cover color has been changed. There are a number of changes and corrections from the previous 2010 edition. Below is a summary of notable changes:

New References

- Planning for Medical Emergencies
- Injury/Fatality procedures
- Medical Incident Report

Deleted References

- Paracargo Drop Zone diagram
- Fire Danger Pocket Card explanation
- Water Use Hand Signals

Existing References with Significant Changes

- Risk Management
- Powerline Safety
- HazMat Incident Operations
- In-Flight Emergency Procedures
- Paracargo Operations Safety
- SAFECOM Reporting System

- Water Delivery Information
- Engine ICS Typing
- Mark 3 Pump Information
- First Aid Guidelines (name change)
- Patient Assessment
- Specific Treatments
- Briefing Checklist

Existing References Moved

- Red “Emergency Medical Care Guidelines” (formerly First Aid Guidelines) to the last section of the IRPG.

An updated ICS-206, Medical Plan, will be available at <http://www.nwcg.gov/publications/ics-forms> in late February and in e-ISuite when it is released. This will change previous guidance in NWCG memo #025-2010, Dutch Creek Serious Accident Investigation Report Response. With these changes the IRPG and the ICS-206, Medical Plan, use the same Medical Incident Report. The intent of this standardization is to enhance communication during a medical emergency. Incident Management Teams are encouraged to use the new ICS-206 form. Local units are also encouraged to use the Medical Incident Report during initial and extended attack operations.

For further information on the IRPG contact your NWCG Operations and Workforce Development Committee representative. Contact information can be found at the following link: <http://www.nwcg.gov/branches/pre/owdc/index.htm>

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