



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

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TO: NWCG Executive Board Members
FROM: Dalan Romero, Chair, NWCG Executive Board
SUBJECT: NWCG Guidance for the Engagement Period of the NIMS Resource Management Supplemental Guidance and Tools

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FEMA's National Integration Center is soliciting feedback on National Incident Management System (NIMS) Resource Management component documents that are intended to enhance interoperability and the effectiveness of mutual aid. This National Engagement Period will conclude at **5 pm EDT on June 9, 2017**.

The National Incident Management System Integration Committee (NIMSIC) will engage on behalf of NWCG and submit a collective response consisting of substantial issues with interagency significance. In addition to this feedback, we strongly encourage NWCG member agencies to submit individual responses.

The drafts released include:

- **The NIMS Guideline for the NQS**, which describes the components of a qualification and certification system, defines a process for certifying the qualifications of incident personnel, describes how to stand up and implement a peer review process, and provides an introduction to the process of credentialing personnel.
- Over 190 **NIMS Job Titles/Position Qualifications**, (including 44 in the Incident Command System) which define minimum qualifications criteria for personnel serving in defined deployable incident positions.
- Along with 44 Incident Command System **NIMS Position Task Books (PTBs)**, which identify the competencies, behaviors, and tasks that personnel should demonstrate to become qualified for a defined incident position.
- **The NIMS Guideline for Mutual Aid**, which is designed to help unify mutual aid efforts by providing stakeholders with common practice and processes for use in mutual aid planning.
- **The updated NIMS Guideline for the Credentialing of Personnel**, which provides standards and guidance for credentialing incident personnel nationwide.

National engagement provides interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the draft NIMS Resource Management supplemental guidance and tools to ensure that the products reflect the collective expertise and experience of the whole community. To review the drafts visit www.fema.gov/national-incident-management-system/national-engagement. To provide comments on the draft, complete the feedback form and submit it to FEMA-NIMS@fema.dhs.gov.

Please disseminate this information broadly through your communications networks.

If you have any questions, please contact your NIMSIC representative. Roster is available on the NWCG website at: www.nwcg.gov/committees/national-incident-management-system-integration-committee/roster
cc: NWCG Committee Chairs; NWCG Staff; Mike Cherry (Chair, NIMSIC)