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To: Chair, National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)

From: Chair, National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC)

Subject: Evaluation of the Heavy Equipment Boss (HEQB) and
Strike Team Leader Heavy Equipment (STEQ) Positions

The Coordinating Group Advisory Council (CGAC) has issued a memorandum to the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) for our review, concerning the HEQB and STEQ positions specifically in reference to management of numbers of heavy equipment during suppression operations. The Geographic Areas have experienced situations where a shortage of HEQB's have negatively impacted the use of heavy equipment during operations.

The CGAC issued the memorandum through the NMAC in adherence to Chain of Command. We the NMAC support the need to evaluate the HEQB and STEQ positions as it is described in the CGAC memorandum, and therefore request the NWCG to evaluate the HEQB and STEQ positions. Please see the attached CGAC memorandum for details specific to the request.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Castillo, Chair, CGAC at (602) 417-9550 or by email at kcastillo@blm.gov.

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