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To: Agency Administrators

From: AWFCG

RE: Complex Incident Management Transition

Dear Agency Administrators and Fire Staff,

The National Wildfire Coordinating Group issued the memorandum [22-002](#) highlighting the implementation timeline and transition plan options for Complex Incident Management (CIM).

Incident Management, specifically Type 1 and Type 2 IMTs, will transition to Complex Incident Management (CIM) teams by April 2024.

AWFCG, recognizing the sporadic and potentially infrequent mobilizations of the Alaska IMTs, recommends that the participating agencies begin taking the opportunity to evaluate team members for CIM on every Alaska Type 1 IMT mobilization.

If the participating agencies take the opportunity to complete the steps outlined in the memo it will allow the qualified Complex C&G to evaluate additional team members that have not yet attended S-520. Alaska IMTs (Type 1 and Type 2) have been teaching and utilizing the principles of strategic planning that is covered in S-520. With the subject matter experts that currently reside within the ranks of the Alaska Type 1 IMT it will allow for quicker speed to competency for the other IMT members. Many Geographical Areas will find themselves in a bottle neck once the January 2023 nationwide transition plan is issued for implementation. The participating



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agencies in Alaska can get ahead of that bottle neck by acting now.

In order to begin CIM Field Evaluations AWFCG recommends completing the following actions that are outlined in the memorandum prior to the first availability period of the Alaska Type 1 team.

- Current responders certified in a Type 1 C&G position should be granted Complex position competency in the associated position by their Certifying Official.
- Current responders certified in a Type 2 C&G position (this includes Type 1 trainees) that successfully completed S-520, Advanced Incident Management or Complex Incident Management Course (CIMC) should be granted Complex position competency in the associated position by their Certifying Official.

Sincerely,

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