



Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group

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To: All Interested Alaska Incident Management Team Applicants

From: AWFCG Operations Committee

Subject: 2021 Alaska Incident Management Team (IMT) Application Announcement

The application process for the 2021 Alaska Incident Management Teams (IMT) begins August 1, 2020. We are looking for applicants to staff two standing Type 2 IMTs with the option to flex into one Type 1 IMT for the 2021 fire season.

The Alaska IMT will accept 2021 applications through the Alaska IMT Application System at <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/019b9622eede4652ba47dbff595f6ab8>. The Alaska IMT Application System was developed in response to ICAP system outages and lack of user support during the application period for the 2019 season and has been in use since. **ICAP will not be used for the 2021 Alaska IMT Applications.**

The application period for the Incident Commander, Deputy Incident Commander, and Incident Commander trainee applicants opens August 1, 2020 and closes October 9, 2020. All Incident Commander applicants must submit a letter of intent to their respective agency AWFCG Operations Committee member by October 9th, 2020.

The application period for Command and General Staff (C&G) applicants open August 1, 2020 and is due November 6, 2020.

The application period for all other positions opens August 1, 2020 and closes January 15, 2021.

Your participation as a primary, job share, alternate, or trainee team member is important on a statewide and national level. We are highly encouraging primary and job share positions amongst C&G positions to foster continual growth and customer services of the Alaska IMT. We hope to see increased participation and individual advancement as Alaska's IMT program continues to grow.

Team applications must be received prior to these deadlines in order to be considered in the 2021 Alaska IMT primary selection and trainee prioritization process. Applications for all positions will continue to be accepted after January 15, 2021 but may not be considered in this process. Late applications will be placed in Alternate Pools, unless required to fill vacant C&G positions.

ICs and Trainees will be selected by AWFCG during their October meeting. In November 2020, Incident Commanders and the AWFCG Operations Committee will select primary C&G for Type 1 and Type 2 IMTs from the applicant pool. C&G will select remaining IMT members and prioritize trainee applications by February 15, 2021.

All primary selections will be made annually for a one-year term; however, consideration will be given to maintaining continuity within C&G positions for three years. Applicants may apply as a primary team member for multiple teams but may only be selected as a primary for a single IMT.

All applicants must apply through the Alaska IMT Application System (See attached instructions).

Applicants will be notified of their status by March 1. Alaska Incident Management Training will be held in the spring of 2021 (tentatively March 24-26). The training serves as an annual refresher on mobilization and operating procedures. It will include section breakouts and provide an opportunity to meet fellow team members and prepare for the fire season. At this time, we remain hopeful the 2021 Alaska IMT workshop can safely be held in-person.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to working with you. Sincerely,

Chair, AWFCG Operations Committee



2021 Alaska Interagency Incident Management Team Application Process

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No account or login is required. You will be asked for supervisor contact information and will be required to certify that they approve your IMT application, but unlike ICAP, supervisors will not receive emails asking them to approve applications. You may apply for up to four positions on a single application. To apply for additional positions, you will need to submit an additional form and re-enter supervisor information as well as agency, dispatch, and contact information. Once you have submitted the form you should receive an email (at the Primary email address you entered) confirming your application within about 30 minutes. Before you apply, make sure you have the following information available:

- Your supervisor's name, email, and phone number
- Your name as it appears in IROC (optional, but valuable information for rostering teams)
- Your mobile phone number, primary email address, and FireNet email address, if you have one.
- The Agency you work for, your employment status, and the UnitID or name of your dispatch center.
- The position(s) you wish to apply for and the type of application (Primary, Shared, Alternate, Trainee)
- If you apply for a Shared position, be prepared to identify who you plan to share the position with.

The application process is simple and it should take less than five minutes to complete. If you have problems or questions, contact Peter Butteri at peter_butteri@fws.gov or by phone at 907-350-4782.

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