## Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group

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U.S. Department of the Interior To: All Interested Alaska Incident Management Team

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Applicants From: AWFCG Operations Committee

**Bureau of Land Management** 

Subject: 2024 Alaska Incident Management Team (IMT) Application Announcement

National Park Service

US Fish and Wildlife Service

State of Alaska

Department of Fish and Game

Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry

Department of Environmental Conservation

U.S. Department of Agriculture

**US Forest Service** 

**Native Organizations** 

Association of Village Council Presidents

Chugachmiut

Tanana Chiefs Conference

Structural Fire Departments & other Organizations

Anchorage Fire Department

The Alaska Geographic Area has a goal of staffing two standing Complex Incident Management Teams (CIMT) for the 2024 fire season. The Alaska IMT will begin accepting 2024 applications on <u>September 1, 2023</u> through the Alaska IMT Application System at <a href="https://forms.office.com/g/6B9DkqPxLA">https://forms.office.com/g/6B9DkqPxLA</a>. ICAP will not be used for the 2024 Alaska IMT Applications.

The application period for the Incident Commander, Deputy Incident Commander, and Incident Commander trainee applicants opens <u>September 1, 2023</u> and closes <u>October 10, 2023</u>. In addition, all Incident Commander applicants must submit a letter of intent to their respective agency AWFCG Operations Committee member by <u>October 7, 2023</u>.

The application period for Command and General Staff (C&G) and all other positions opens *September 1, 2023* and closes *January 13, 2024*.

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 to be considered in the 2024 Alaska IMT primary selection and trainee prioritization process. Applications for all positions will continue to be accepted after these deadlines but may not be considered in the selection and prioritization 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 January 2024, Incident Commanders and the AWFCG Operations Committee will select primary C&G for two Complex IMTs from the applicant pool. C&G will select remaining core IMT members and prioritize trainee applications by *February 17, 2024*.

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.

Applicants will be notified of their status by <u>March 1, 2024</u>. Alaska Incident Management Training will be held later that month. 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.

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

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