



Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group

August 1, 2025

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Alaska Fire Chiefs

To: All Interested Alaska Incident Management Team Applicants

From: AWFCG Operations Committee

Subject: 2026 Alaska Complex Incident Management Team (CIMT) Application Announcement

The Alaska Geographic Area has a goal of staffing two standing Complex Incident Management Teams (CIMT) for the 2026 fire season. The Alaska CIMT will begin accepting 2026 applications on August 1, 2025 through the Alaska CIMT Application System at <https://forms.office.com/g/6B9DkqPxLA>. **ICAP will not be used for the 2026 Alaska CIMT Applications.**

The application period for the Incident Commander, Deputy Incident Commander, and Incident Commander trainee applicants opens August 1, 2025, and closes October 10, 2025. In addition, all Incident Commander applicants must submit a letter of intent to their respective agency AWFCG Operations Committee member by October 10, 2025.

The application period for Command and General Staff (C&G) open August 1, 2025, and closes November 14, 2025. All other positions open August 1, 2025, and closes January 16, 2026.

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 CIMT. We hope to see increased participation and individual advancement as Alaska's CIMT program continues to grow.

Team applications must be received prior to these deadlines to be considered in the 2026 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 IC Trainees will be selected by AWFCG during their October meeting. In January 2026, 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 6, 2026.

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 CIMT.

Applicants will be notified of their status by March 6, 2026. Alaska Complex 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,

Jake Livingston
Chair, AWFCG Operations Committee