To: All Interested Applicants

From: AWFCG Operations Committee

Subject: 2020 Alaska Incident Management Team (IMT) Application Announcement

The application process for the 2020 Alaska Incident Management Teams (IMT) begins July 1, 2019.

**New for 2020,** we have added an option to apply to the Alaska IMT outside of the ICAP system. ICAP suffered several system outages in 2019 and user support was often unavailable. In order to avoid similar issues for the 2020 season, applications will now be accepted either through the Alaska IMT Application System at [https://forms.gle/yjFtB52kQ3zSDoSDA](https://forms.gle/yjFtB52kQ3zSDoSDA), or through the National ICAP system at [https://fireportal.usda.gov](https://fireportal.usda.gov).

The application period for the IC, Deputy IC and Trainee IC applicants opens July 1, 2019 and closes October 4, 2019.

The application period for all other positions opens July 1, 2019 and closes January 17, 2020.

Team applications must be received prior to these deadlines in order to be considered in the 2020 Alaska IMT primary selection and trainee prioritization process. Applications for all positions will continue to be accepted after 1/17/20, 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 January 2020, Incident Commanders and the 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 28.

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 either through the Alaska IMT Application System or through ICAP to update their application for 2020. (See attached instructions). Especially take note of sections labeled **NEW:** and **NOTE:**

ICAP Applications to Alaska IMTs will only be accepted through the Alaska Applicant Pool. Individual Alaska Teams will remain closed for application.

Applicants will be notified of their status by March 1. Alaska Incident Management Training will be held in the spring of 2020 (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.

Your participation as a primary, alternate, or trainee team member is important on a statewide and national level. We hope to see increased participation and individual advancement as Alaska’s IMT program continues to grow.

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

Ben Pratt
Chair, AWFCG Operations Committee