



## Fire Management Board

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TO: Fire Management Board Member Agencies<sup>1</sup>

FROM: William Kaage, Chair, Fire Management Board

SUBJECT: Status of review and implementation of Evolving Incident Management recommendations

The Fire Management Board (FMB) is reviewing a comprehensive package it received from the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) to address concerns with a few of the original Evolving Incident Management (EIM) recommendations.<sup>2</sup> The FMB will assess how best to process this package in November and prepare a response to meet the Fire Executive Council's (FEC) request for this information. The National Association of State Foresters (NASF) and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) are also conducting a review of the package. No decisions regarding NWCG's package of recommendations have been made at this time. Looking ahead, it is expected that there will be no changes regarding the areas of concern for the 2015 fire season.

In December, the FMB will formulate a recommendation to pass onto FEC regarding the proposed alternatives raised by NWCG. Within the recommendation, actions and assignments for FMB and other intergovernmental bodies will be addressed. Furthermore, the FMB will prepare direction on the overarching principals first outlined in the Phase 1 Incident Management Organization Succession Planning (IMOSP) report, otherwise known as the Agency Purview tasks. Our goal will be to have both items ready for discussion by the next Federal Fire Policy Council (FFPC) meeting currently set for April 2014.

In the meantime, the FMB recognizes the important work of the NWCG EIM Project Team. This work includes Area Command, Single Qualifications System, and some parts of Pathways. This valuable work should continue while FMB's work progresses with the alternatives package proposed by NWCG.

cc: International Association of Fire Chiefs, National Association of State Foresters, National Wildfire Coordinating Group, NWCG Program Management Unit

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<sup>1</sup> Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, DOI Office of Aviation Services, DOI Office of Wildland Fire, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service, US Fire Administration.

<sup>2</sup> In May 2014, FEC directed FMB to conduct analysis to address issues and concerns with the EIM initiative. In July, FMB & NWCG tasked the NWCG EIM Project Team to update the EIM case for change, recommend solutions to identified problems and issues, and develop a schedule for implementing those solutions.