NWCG Equipment Technology Committee

National Fire Equipment System

Cache Memorandum: 22 - 02

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To: NFES: National Interagency Support Caches (NISC)

From: David Haston, Chair – NWCG Equipment Technology Committee (ETC)

Subject: Removal of Regular Fire Shelters Manufactured Prior to 2006

Issue: On March 16, 2022, the NWCG Equipment Technology Committee (ETC) issued Equipment Advisory EA-2022-03 regarding performance differences between the current fire shelter design and fire shelters made prior to January 2006. These fire shelters need to be removed from National Interagency Support Cache (NISC) inventory as part of the transition to the newer fire shelter design.

Actions:

- Inspect NISC inventory, separate and set aside fire shelters manufactured prior to 2006 as described in the ETC equipment advisory (EA). Information on how to identify fire shelters are provided in the EA.

- The intent is to provide post-2006 shelters to incidents for the 2022 fire season.
    - If post-2006 shelters are not available in NISC inventory, pre-2006 shelters may be substituted for the 2022 fire season.
    - Retain for ready reserve of 50 % of pre-2006 shelters presently in inventory.
    - In the absence of a coordinate bulk recycling option, the disposal of the shelters is at the cache manger's discretion.

- Order appropriate quantities of fire shelters from Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) to replace inventories. DLA created a project code to track this lifecycle replacement. Use **FSR** instead of **NES** as the project code.

- Local units are instructed to purchase fire shelters directly from DLA.

- Fire shelters that fall under this inventory transition will not be replaced on incidents or through the NISC.

- NWCG Standards for Fire Equipment Storage and Refurbishing, PMS 448, are to be updated to include the inspection criteria noted in the equipment advisory.

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