



## Agency Administrator Subgroup

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**Date:** 12 February 2025, 1500 – 1600 MT

**Members:** Chad Stewart, Chair, USFS | Molly Ryan, USFS | Tanya Thrift, BLM | Sam Leneave, NASF | Sam Parsons, NASF | Jesse Bender, IWDG

**Guest:** Aaron Thompson, IWDG

**Not Present:** Clay Jordan, NPS | Lynn Polacca, BIA

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### AGENDA

#### Mobilization Practices and Expectations

- Discussion about modernized approaches to supporting Complex Incident Management Teams (CIMTs) while on assignment, including Incident Command Post (ICP) locations, hotel rooms for overhead, reliable connectivity, existing infrastructure use instead of yurts/trailers, allowance of per diem over use of caterers, etc.
  - Benefits include accounting for health and well-being of personnel: quality of rest in hotels, reduced smoke exposure, meeting dietary needs, etc.
    - Potential recruitment tactic for personnel who are willing to support incident management if they can sleep in hotels and eat food they prefer.
  - Reduced reliance on limited resources such as shower units, caterers, yurts/trailers, etc.
  - In situations with multiple fires on the landscape, CIMT is flexible to take more incidents under a hub-and-spoke model, with ICP centrally located for AA engagement and base camps located near incidents.
- Cost analysis on multiple incidents in multiple geographic areas showed reduced costs for the incident.
- Communities accustomed to seeing large fire camps will also have to adjust to not seeing the same infrastructure to support a fire. Alternatively, communities may see positive economic impacts from the influx of consumers.
- Communication on intent and options is important along with weighing the challenges and benefits specific to the incident. Not all options are available in all locations.
- Goal at this time is to ensure AAs know they can approve the options and encourage more AAs to have conversations about those options.

#### In-Person Meeting Recap

- Reviewed updated IWDG Program of Work. AA Subgroup will have opportunity to engage in items specifically relevant. Task teams will be meeting this month to begin work on recommendations.