



**NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP  
INCIDENT OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

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**TO:** National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCWG) Committees and Subgroup Chairs  
**FROM:** Keith Mitchell, Chair, NWCWG Incident Operations Subcommittee (IOSC)  
**SUBJECT** Request for *NWCWG Incident Response Pocket Guide*, PMS 461, Revision Updates

**Purpose:** The purpose of this memorandum is to solicit input from the NWCWG committees and their subgroups for updates or proposed changes to the next version of the *NWCWG Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG)*, PMS 461.

Please distribute this information through your committee, subgroups, and agency channels.

**Issue/Action:** The IOSC is seeking requests for revisions to the IRPG. The IRPG is updated periodically to reflect current standards and to add new information as needed. The current version of the IRPG was released January 2022, and the IOSC is targeting the next version of the IRPG to be available to the field by January 2025.

All **requests should be submitted by October 31, 2023**, to be considered for the next version of the IRPG.

To submit a request or change for the IRPG, please use the NWCWG Publication Revision Form found on the NWCWG website at: <https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/irpg-review-form>.

**Background:** The IRPG establishes standards for wildland fire incident response. The guide provides critical information on operational engagement, risk management, fire environment, all-hazard response, and aviation management. It is a collection of guidelines, checklists, and best practices that have evolved over time within wildland fire operations. The intended target audience of the IRPG is field-going wildland fire and aviation personnel from the Incident Commander Type 3 (ICT3) and Division/Group Supervisor (DIVS) level and down. The IRPG does not provide absolute solutions to the unlimited number of situations that will occur.

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**Distribution:**

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