



National Wildfire Coordinating Group

Incident and Position Standards Committee

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To: Aitor Bidaburu, Vice-chair, NWCG Executive Board

From: Marlene Eno-Hendren, Chair, Incident and Position Standards Committee

Subject: Recommendation to not Transition Support Branch Director and Service Branch Director Positions to Complex

Purpose: This memorandum outlines the Incident and Position Standards Committee's (IPSC) recommendation to the NWCG Executive Board to not transition the Support Branch Director (SUBD) and Service Branch Director (SVBD) positions to Complex, but instead, to remove the positions from the *NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications*, PMS 310-1.

Action: The IPSC proposes removing SUBD and SVBD positions from the PMS 310-1 and qualification systems effective January 2024.

Background and Coordination: In Fall 2022, the NWCG Executive Board requested IPSC evaluate transitioning Branch Director positions to Complex. The IPSC tasked the Incident Logistics Subcommittee (ILSC) to determine requirements to transition SUBD and SVBD to Complex. The ILSC researched the Interagency Resource Ordering Capability (IROC) ordering history and determined that SUBDs and SVBDs are not utilized in the current business practices of incident management teams (IMTs); instead, IMTs order fully qualified Logistics Section Chiefs. There were only 44 total orders for SUBD and SVBD positions since 2020 with only a small percentage of those orders for incidents. An email was also sent by the ILSC to over 90 currently qualified and rostered IMT Logistics Section Chiefs on interagency IMT's across all geographic regions with the vast majority of respondents supporting removal of the positions. Additionally, the IPSC vetted it through the agencies and there was support for removing the positions from the PMS 310-1.