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To: Great Basin Incident Commanders

From: Great Basin Coordinating Group

Subject: Team Configurations for 2009

The Great Basin Coordinating Group (GBCG) is providing clarification to the Incident Commanders and team configurations based on additional information provided at the Coordinating Group meeting.

Type 1 Team Incident Commanders:

Incident Commander, Rowdy Muir

Deputy IC, Tooter Burdick

Incident Commander, Jim Thomas

**Deputy IC, Paul Broyles (pending NWCG guidance)

Beth Lund (ICT1 Trainee) will be available for trainee assignments with both Muir and Thomas teams, to maximize her training opportunities.

The Coordinating Groups intent is to field one type of team that best meets the current and future needs of implementing new decision support systems while managing fires for multiple objectives. Therefore, the GB will not provide teams for a National FUMT rotation.

Change FUMT Larry Svalberg/Rod Dykehouse to GB Type 2 Team shared ICs. * Strategic and long term analysis capabilities. Attempt to fill a long team roster.

Change FUMT Chris Ourada/Kim Soper to GB Type 2 Team shared ICs. * Strategic and long term analysis capabilities. Attempt to fill a long team roster.

All other Type 2 ICs will remain the same and are asked to implement the following:

Each Incident Commander will evaluate their C&G for potential ICT2s and other C&G trainee candidates for 2009 and maximize training opportunities.

Continue to increase strategic long term planning and analysis capabilities to implement wildland fire decision support system

(WFDSS) and managing fires for multiple objectives. Consider sharing or pooling scarce positions such as LTANs.

The GBCG will continue to evaluate and provide direction on the use of and numbers of AD hires, local government and contractors, on teams. We anticipate guidance from NWCG on use of retirees and local government in C&G positions to be forthcoming.

The GB Operations group has been tasked to develop a short team configuration for use in the Great Basin. If you have suggestions please contact the Chair, Mark Jones at BLM Idaho State Office.

You may be asked to host a field session of S-420, additional guidance on fiscal and dispatch procedures are being formulated for the 2009 season.

Thank you for your long standing commitment to Incident Management in the Great Basin.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christie Neill

Christie Neill, Chair