



## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN EXECUTIVE GROUP**

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**Bureau of Indian Affairs** (Southwest, Rocky Mountain and Great Plains Regions)  
**Bureau of Land Management** (Colorado and Wyoming)  
**Fish and Wildlife Service** (Mountain/Prairie Region)  
**Forest Service** (Rocky Mountain Region)  
**National Park Service** (Intermountain and Midwest Regions)  
**State Agencies in Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas**

August 15, 2008

TO: David Carter, Chair of RMCG

FROM: Jeff Jahnke, Interim Chair of Executive Group  
Bill Crapser, Chair, Succession Plan sub-committee

SUBJECT: Direction to RMCG for Team configuration

Dave,

The Executive Group met in person and via phone on June 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss several issues including the configuration of Rocky Mountain Teams for the next three year rotation. Executives represented at the meeting were the states of Colorado, South Dakota, and Wyoming, Colorado BLM, Wyoming BLM, the National Park Service, and the Forest Service. The best configuration for the next three years was discussed in depth, and each agency provided their input. A sub-committee was appointed (including representation from Colorado BLM, Wyoming BLM, the National Park Service, the US Forest Service, South Dakota Wildland Fire, and Wyoming State Forestry) to look at the situation a little deeper, and to develop direction for RMCG on the number and configuration of Rocky Mountain teams for the next three years.

An overwhelming majority of the Executive's believe, that given budgets, workloads, and the current pool of qualified and available personnel, that the third option from the RMCG report "**Assessment of Succession Strategies Rocky Mountain Area Incident Management Teams 2009 – 2011**" is the best option to move forward with at this time. This is the "Four IMTs Reconfigured" alternative ( 1 IMT1, 2 IMT2 regional, and 1 IMT2 zone). Each team would also be staffed with a LTAN and FUMA, and would have the capability to respond to the full range of management responses, including WFU. We realize that this is not the alternative that RMCG recommended, however given all other considerations we believe it is the best and most realistic option available. Therefore the Executive Group directs RMCG to move forward with implementing the four team reconfigured approach for the next three year rotation. We believe that under this option the RMA can field four strong teams, while at the same time work on strengthening "our bench" for the future.