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MEMORANDUM

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To: NWCG Committee Chairs, Geographic Area Coordinating Group (GACG) Chairs
Geographic Area Training Representatives Chair

From: NWCG Chair *Arto Bidabun*

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Subject: NWCG transition to the FEMA National Incident Management System Training Program

On April 17, 2013, The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Executive Board approved the NWCG Conversion to the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training Curriculum Phase 1 Transition Plan.

The NIMS Training Program was mandated by the Post-Katrina Emergency management Reform Act of 2006. The NIMS Training Program curriculum is managed under FEMA by the Emergency Management Institute (EMI). Adoption and use of the national training courses will enable the NWCG to align itself maintaining wildland fire specific training.

NWCG will convert specific training courses to the NIMS Curriculum in multiple phases. The following 12 courses are currently targeted for transition to the NIMS Curriculum during Phase 1:

- I-100, Introduction to ICS replaced by ICS 100 (IS100), Introduction to ICS
- I-200, Basic ICS replaced by ICS 200 (IS200.b), Basic ICS
- I-300, Intermediate ICS replaced by ICS 300 (G/E/L300), Intermediate ICS
- I-400, Advanced ICS replaced by ICS 400 (G/E/L400), Advanced ICS
- S-346, Situation Unit Leader replaced by E/L964, Situation Unit Leader
- S-349, Resources Unit Leader/Demobilization Unit Leader replaced by E/L965 Resources Unit Leader/Demobilization Unit Leader
- S-356, Supply Unit Leader replaced by E/L970, Supply Unit Leader
- S-360, Finance/Administration Unit Leaders replaced by E/L975, Finance/Administration Unit Leaders
- S-400, Incident Commander replaced by E/L950, Incident Commander
- S-403, Public Information Officer replaced by E/L952, Public Information Officer
- S-460, Finance/Administration Section Chief replaced by E/L973, Finance/Administration Section Chief

- S-450, Logistics Section Chief replaced by E/L967, Logistics Section Chief

The NWCG Training Branch has created Phase 1 of the Plan as outlined in the attachment to this document. Target timelines for the transition are identified in the Plan. The transition of additional courses will occur when Phase 1 is successfully completed and lessons learned from Phase 1 can be incorporated into future transitions.

Updates and additional guidance regarding instruction on using the system and entering NWCG instructors and students into the NIMS Training Program database will be posted at:
<http://training.nwcg.gov/>

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Attachment