National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

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To: Geographic Area Coordinating Group Chairs

From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC)

Subject: Transition, historical and future use of the wildland fire secure FTP site

Issue Summary: The current internet domain address for the wildland fire secure File Transfer Protocol (FTP) must be transitioned to a new domain by **Friday, April 16, 2021**.

The existing site will be migrated from **https://ftp.nifc.gov** to the new URL **https://ftp.wildfire.gov**. A redirect will support the use of **https://ftp.nifc.gov/** for 4 weeks and will automatically point users to the new location when accessing the FTP through a web browser. There will be NO CHANGE to the folder structure or access via iNAP to the FTP site. Users using WinSCP will need to change the Host name field from **ftp.nifc.gov** to **ftp.wildfire.gov**. All other WinSCP settings remain the same.

Recent security audits and findings require that current business practices and how the FTP site is used be reengineered. The https://ftp.wildfire.gov/ site will continue to operate through Fire Season 2021. Users should expect changes as security protocols and other enhancements are implemented.

Starting in FY22 some of the current uses of the sFTP site will be migrated into new processes. An interagency project team has been established to document utilization and requirements.
Incident Management Teams and other wildfire business areas that rely on the FTP site's use will submit their business requirement and or user history to the team through James Haley for evaluation for the reengineering effort.

Background: The FTP site is used by wildland fire for incident support and to archive historical incident data. The FTP site facilitates a collaborative environment among a diverse user base. Its ease of use has served wildland firefighters well for rapid information delivery to the field. Security findings, the implementation of new technologies such as FireNet and the continuing demand to support remote/virtual workforce for incident management has highlighted the need for a modern, secure, collaborative environment to complement or replace the FTP site.

Help for the FTP Site is located at https://usfs-public.box.com/s/qaf7oawka4mcvg46d3603i7cu393wptw and all links, have been updated for the new URL (ftp.wildfire.gov) . These documents are available and accessible for both USFS and interagency use.

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