National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

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To: Geographic Area Coordinating Group Chairs

From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

Subject: National Supply Chain and Effective Inventory Management

Due to our current national fire situation, we remain at Preparedness Level 5 with very high competition for every type of resource including supplies from the National Interagency Support Caches (NISC). Given the significant level of the national inventory currently deployed on incidents, please consider the following key points regarding the national supply chain and effective inventory management:

- National Interagency Support Cache (NISC) managers have the discretion to adjust orders based on available inventory and National Multi-Agency Coordinating group (NMAC)/Geographic Multi-Agency Coordinating group (GMAC) priorities

    o   Please monitor incident inventory and return excess water handling assets as soon as possible for use on emerging incidents.

- Large scale point/structure protection strategies utilizing sprinkler/pump systems puts a strain on the finite inventory of water handling equipment.

- Water handling equipment on an incident should be repurposed/repositioned as needed.

    o   All unused equipment should be returned immediately to the servicing cache, if not needed.

    o   Return all items requiring refurbishment as soon as possible, including items that may have been damaged or burned over.

- Contact your servicing cache or work through liaisons to request cache demob specialists.

- Due to availability issues for freight services, plan for longer delivery/transportation times.

To assist with inventory management at a time of critical drawdown, the NISC will provide mobile teams of liaisons to geographic areas. This will enable face to face interaction between servicing caches. These teams will augment liaisons that are already in the field in some geographic areas.

We appreciate everyone's efforts to date to maintain cache inventory to support incident management teams.

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