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To: National Incident Commander/Area Commander Advisory Council (ICAC)
                 Geographic Area Coordination Center Managers

From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

Subject: FTP Server Clean Up

The NIFC FTP Server is a tool to provide for short-term interagency sharing for interagency wildland fire data and documentation during incident seasonal activity. The FTP Server was never intended as a file archive or records repository as data backups are not performed and there are other more secure options for long term storage.

Currently the data size for Incident Specific Data (ISD) is at 3.6 Terabytes and there is currently 136 Gigabytes available. While 1 Terabyte was added for the 2021 fire season (included in the 3.6 TB above), it is costly to continue adding space.

To prepare for the 2022 fire season and provide data space for 2022 incident support, we plan to delete all Incident Specific Data files (ISD/<GACC>) that have not been modified for five or more years on April 22, 2022.

This message is to provide any FTP site users with data files in the ISD/<GACC> folders time to save any data they may not have stored in a more secure, permanent, or long-term space. Of note, storing any data long term in FTP is not a Best Practice and should not be continued.

The Wildland Fire Information Technology (WFIT) is working with the Data Management Committee on a future long-term data storage solution for the interagency wildland fire community. In the meantime, the FTP server does not meet all agency security concerns for long term storage and will continue to be considered a short-term option.

/s/ Ken Schmid, Chair, NMAC