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To: Incident Commanders Advisory Council, Geographic Area Coordinating Groups,
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Subject: Area Command Team National Rotation

Due to low mobilization rates of Area Command Teams (ACTs) for wildland fire incidents during the past five years and the chronic shortages of command and general staff and other single-resource overhead positions available to support Type 1, Type 2, and Complex Incident Management Teams (CIMTs), the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC), at the direction of the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC), will not maintain rostered ACTs or a national ACT on-call rotation. If an ACT is requested, the NICC will assemble an ad hoc ACT working with an available Area Commander.

The Complex Incident Management (CIM) effort and evolving customer needs will require change to the current ACT model. Area Command qualifications will remain important, as the process of implementing CIM concepts are completed and the role of Area Command in the CIM model is explored. NMAC will continue to communicate with the Incident Commanders Advisory Council (ICAC) on changes and future recommendations associated with ACTs.

ACT Command and General Staff are reminded that currency for Area Command qualifications is maintained by performing in the corresponding Type 1 General Staff position*. ACT personnel are encouraged to participate with Incident Management Teams (IMTs) as qualified.

The NMAC thanks all ACT members for your dedication and efforts in support of the Nation's incident management needs.

Ken Schmid,
Chair, National Multi- Agency Coordinating Group

CC:
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*AOBD maintains currency for ACAC.

