

Complex Incident Management Work Group

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Tasking to the Work Group:

Provide an overview to the Work Group of progress and ongoing transition to CIMT

Provide recommendations regarding ongoing use of CIMT (including CIMT/Type 3 IMT relationship and interaction) and ensure adequate availability of IMT at the state level.

Clear prioritization of any recommendations (with description of pros/cons considered) with expected implementation process, timeline and needs.

Work Group Membership:

Facilitators: Gary Berndt and David Way

Subject Matter Expert: Russ Lane

Administrative Support: Kelli Messegee

DNR Reps: Wyatt Leighton and Don Melton

Federal Rep: Brian Gales

Fire Service Reps: Bob Gear, Leonard Johnson, Rich Elliot, Cody Rohrbach

Tribal Rep: Cody Desautel

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Timeline:

January 24th CIM Update to WFAC from State Forester

February 27th Tasking to CIMT Transition Working Group (Leads Gary Berndt and David Way)

April 6th CIM Work Group Kick Off Meeting

Draft Recommendations to George in July

Final Recommendations in September and Update for WFAC

Progress:

5 Meetings To-Date (3 In-Person and 2 Virtual)

2 Guest Attendees (Jesse Bender and Norm McDonald)

Identified and prioritized 4 categories that include a recommendation and strategies to accomplish the recommendations



History of WA IMTs –*as Gary’s memory recalls:*

- Prior to 1985 DNR and USFS had separate IMTs (5 in DNR and ability to staff 3, 3 in USFS)
- 1989 – Intent established for Interagency IMTs
- 1994 – 5 WA Interagency Type 2 IMTs , and 5 WA State Mob Teams, and 3 Type 1 USFS IMTs (WA and OR)
- 2000 – Formed Geoboard and Integrated WA State Mob and DNR into 5 “All Hazards” Type 2 IMTs with up to 50 members
- ~2012 - Merge WA Type 2 IMTs with the Oregon Federal Type 2 IMTs to create 10 NW (WA and OR) Type 2 IMTs
- 2023 – Dropped from 7 to 6 Type 2 IMTs and 2 Type 1 IMTs (continual decrease in participation and qualifications while fire workload increased since 2012)

Work Group Recommendation Categories

- IMT Capacity
- WA State and PNW Geographic Area IMT Drawdown Planning
- Type 3 IMT Relationship to CIM
- Agency Administrator Transition



Questions?

