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From: NWCG Chair *Auter Bidabawa*

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Subject: PMS 410-1: Fireline Handbook Revision

Please share this information widely within the wildland fire community.

The Operations & Workforce Development Committee (OWDC) is in the process of revising the Fireline Handbook and will be seeking your input later in the year.

The name of the Fireline Handbook is being changed to the Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide to reflect its new purpose to provide general wildland fire incident management information to NWCG member agencies. The Incident Response Pocket Guide remains the wildland fire job aid and training reference for operational personnel.

The revised document is currently being edited for format and typographical errors. Around July 15, 2012, the document will be available online for a final field review. The document will be provided to the Operations and Workforce Development Committee for their final approval at their September Meeting, after which the document will be forwarded to the NWCG for their final approval.

It is anticipated that printed versions will be available from the cache sometime in early 2013. The document will also be available in electronic form (PDF), and, hopefully, as an app.

Until this revision is completed, the current Fireline Handbook (PMS 410-1, 2004) should remain in use.

Major Changes:

- ✓ Chapter 1 - Safety has been largely rewritten. All of the material that exists in the IRPG has been removed, including much of the safety and first aid information.
- ✓ Chapter 7 - Common Responsibilities has been removed as this material is duplicative of the FEMA Emergency Response Field Operations Guide (ER FOG).
- ✓ Chapters 2 – 6 (IA, Extended Attack, Large Fire Management Teams, Transfer of Command, Urban Interface), and 8 – 13 (Command, Operations, Planning, Logistics, Finance/Admin) have been combined into one chapter. This material has been reduced to remove material that exists elsewhere.
- ✓ The old Appendix A has been updated with the latest information; and is now Chapter 3. Information that exists in the IRPG has been removed.
- ✓ The old Appendix C - Fire Use has been removed.

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