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To: Geographic Area Coordination Groups
From: National Multi-Agency Coordination Group
Subject: Fuels and Fire Behavior Alert Protocols

During the 2005 fire season a number of “Fuels/Fire Behavior Alerts” were issued at the local and GACC levels describing conditions that were considered to be a threat to firefighter safety. The nomenclature, formatting, and dissemination of these messages were not well coordinated and did not merge with established NWCG Safety & Health Working Team (SHWT) Safety Alert Guidelines.

In an effort to enhance coordination and avoid confusion, the National Predictive Service Group (NPSG) in coordination with the SHWT recently developed the attached recommendation and template to clearly define the nomenclature, format, posting, and coordination protocols when issuing fuels/fire behavior advisories. The National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) strongly supports this effort to improve coordination and establish protocols in order to provide the field with timely and consistent information.

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