

# NWCG Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG)

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The *NWCG Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG)* establishes standards for wildland fire incident response. The guide provides critical information on operational engagement, risk management, fire environment, all hazard response, and aviation management. It is a collection of guidelines, checklists, and best practices that have evolved over time within wildland fire operations.

The intended target audience of the *IRPG* is field-going wildland fire and aviation personnel from the Incident Commander Type 3 (ICT3) and Division/Group Supervisor (DIVS) level and down. The size makes it easy to fit in a firefighter's pocket, staying true to the purpose and intent.

The *IRPG* does not provide absolute solutions to the unlimited number of situations that will occur. Some fireline decisions may be relatively simple; many are not. These decisions often require individual judgment, creativity, and collaboration — skills developed through extensive training, dedicated practice, and experience, which the guide facilitates.

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The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) provides national leadership to enable interoperable wildland fire operations among federal, state, Tribal, territorial, and local partners. NWCG operations standards are interagency by design; they are developed with the intent of universal adoption by the member agencies. However, the decision to adopt and utilize them is made independently by the individual member agencies and communicated through their respective directives systems.