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Memorandum

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To: NWCG Members and Geographic Area Coordinating Group Chairs

From: NWCG Chair *Kirk Rasmussen*

Subject: NWCG Draft GIS Standard Operating Procedures Field Review

The Geographic Information System Standard Operating Procedures (GSTOP) project, a National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) sanctioned effort, in cooperation with the wildland fire business community, has developed draft standard operating procedures for Geographic Information System (GIS) support of large fire incidents.

A draft copy of the proposed Geospatial Standard Operating Procedures, dated June 2005, is available electronically for review on the GSTOP page at the NWCG website (<http://gis.nwcg.gov/gstop/>). Hard copies of the draft will be available by request through each Agency NWCG Information Resource Management Working Team (IRMWT) Geospatial Task Group (GTG) representative. The representatives are listed in attachment 1 (GTG Roster).

The IRMWT GTG is soliciting all field units to review this document and submit comments, changes, or improvements to be considered by the GTG for inclusion in the Standard Operating Procedures. Comments should be submitted via the on-line comment form on the GSTOP page at the NWCG website (<http://gis.nwcg.gov/gstop/>). Comments may also be submitted through the appropriate agency GTG representative.

All comments should be received no later than close of business **October 31, 2005**.

Agency representatives should ensure this notification is relayed to all appropriate field units for review.

The GSTOP project team will review all comments received and incorporate any pertinent recommendations into the final GIS Standard Operating Procedures. The planned timeframe for the release of the final GIS Standard Operating Procedures is Spring 2006.

If you have questions, please contact any GTG representative or the GSTOP Business lead listed below.

Attachment: GTG Roster and Contact Information (1 pp)

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