

Complex Incident Management and WFDSS 2023

As part of a national effort to improve successional planning, balance Incident Management Team (IMT) utilization and better match incident management to incident needs, NWCG introduced Complex Incident Management Teams (CIMT) in 2022. The concept was piloted in the Rocky Mountain GA in 2022 and is targeted for nationwide use in 2023. CIMT's replace T1 and T2 IMT's and may consist of portions of a (previously designated) T1/T2 organization and less complex organizations as the need of the incident dictate. An updated [NWCG Wildland Fire Risk and Complexity Assessment \(PMS 236\)](#) reflects these changes. The most visible change is the addition of Part D. When a T1/CIMT or T2/CIMT organization is selected, Section D allows users to rate and describe needs in the 5 ICS functional areas (Command, Planning, Operations, Finance and Logistics).

Currently, the WFDSS application is not updated to reflect these changes, but the same information required on the PMS 236 form can be entered into the existing fields in the WFDSS application. For Type 5, 4, and 3 incidents, there are no changes from previous years. The greatest difference between the PMS 236 and WFDSS is that WFDSS does not have Part D. The following are suggestions for how to document the information in Part D for a Complex incident (formerly T1/T2) in WFDSS.

Organization Assessment:

Incident needs in particular areas can be documented in the Organization Assessment as shown in the Figure 1 and Figure 2, which document needs for enhanced Logistics and Public Information functions.

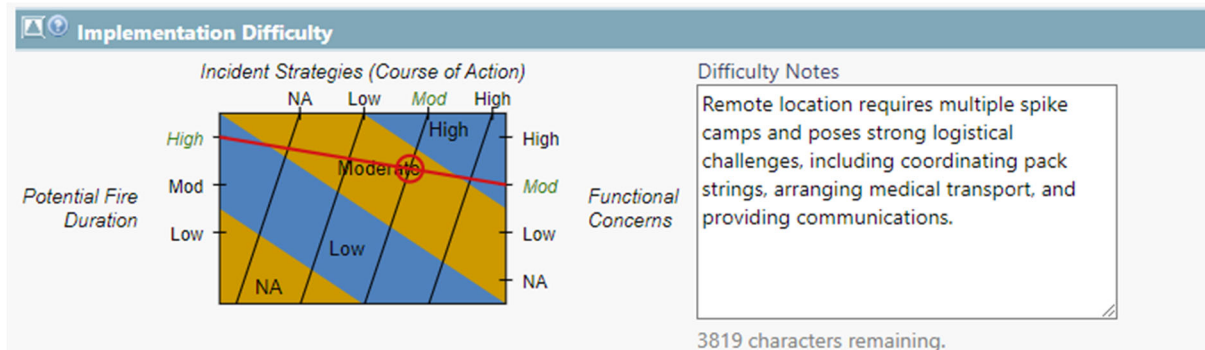


Figure 1: Incident Needs Reflected in Implementation Difficulty

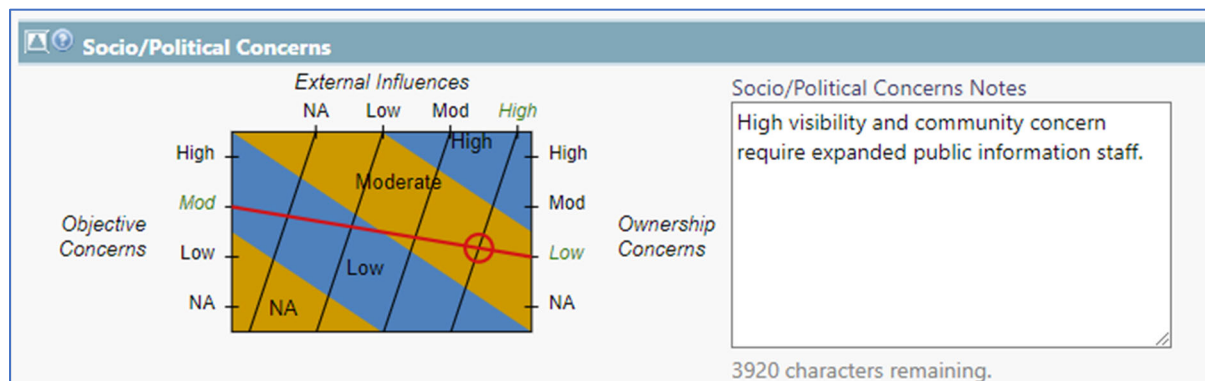


Figure 2: Incident Needs Reflected in Socio/Political Concerns

in addition, highlight needs in the Organization Assessment Notes as shown here:

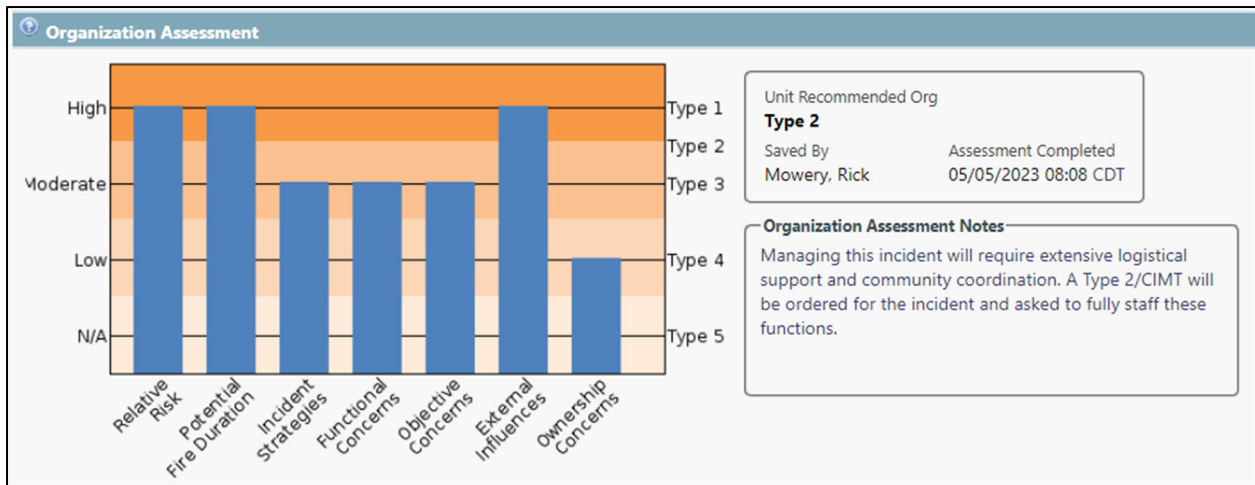


Figure 3: Incident Needs Reflected in Organization Assessment Notes

Incident Objectives, Course of Action

In some cases, the incident-specific objectives/requirements or course of action you specify may dictate the need for specialized functions from the IMT. This can be laid out in the Objectives and Course of Action tabs.

Incident Objectives/Requirements for AKFMO Verification test						
Unit	Shape/FMU	Type	Activated	Deactivated	Included	Objective/Requirement
<input type="radio"/>		Inc Obj			Yes	Provide accurate and timely Cost Apportionment data to all of the agencies in unified command. This may require a fully staffed Finance Section.

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Figure 4: Incident Needs for Specialized Functions

Decision Rationale

The Rationale section of the Decision is an excellent place to recap the needs of the incident and tie them to the incident management organization you have chosen for the incident.

My Home	Incidents	Incident Groups	Analyses	Intelligence	Data Management	Administration	Support	Help Feedback
Information	Situation	Assessment	Objectives	Course of Action	Cost	Decisions	Periodic Assessment	Reports

Messages (1)

Pending Decision (Rationale)

The remote location of this fire relative to communities and elevated risks to responders are the reasons I am deciding to manage this incident using confine/contain strategies.

Providing for responders at remote locations will require significant logistics. The incident is expected to have a long duration and comprehensive strategic planning will be needed to provide protection for identified values in a safe and timely manner. And because of recent wildfire incidents that impacted communities, there is significant public interest and concern regarding this incident.

Therefore it is my decision is to use a Complex Incident Management Team with Logistics, Planning and Public Information personnel sufficient to meet these needs to manage this fire.

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Figure 5: Incident Needs Reflected as Part of the Incident Management Organization