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**Subject:** Maintaining L-480 into the Future  
**To:** NWCG Leadership Committee

The L-480 Steering Committee reviewed your letter of April 2, 2007. The following are their actions to promote and maintain L-480 into the future as requested.

1. **Updated Coach/SME Handbook.** The Steering Committee agreed with the recommendation to update the handbook. Cyndie Hogg also received comments from the NW Geographic Area on revisions to the Handbook. The committee confirmed that the Lead Coach needs to be an experienced Type 1 or Type 2 IMT command or general staff; attended a previous L-480 as a student or coach; and attended or helped instruct at either an L-380 or L-381. The Steering Committee's plan of action is to review and finalize a draft handbook at their November 2007 meeting.
2. **Assist GATR with their first implementation of L-480 course.** The Steering Committee agreed this was an important part of their charter. The Great Basin geographic area is hosting their first L-480 January 14-18, 2008 in Boise, ID. The Steering Committee plans to provide assistance as requested.
3. **Develop process to evaluate potential new providers.** The Steering Committee is committed to assist with the evaluation of new providers for L-480. The Northwest Geographic Area is hosting an L-480 with a new provider March 10-14, 2008. The Steering Committee plans to evaluate this new provider.

The Steering Committee will provide a written process to evaluate new providers for the NWCG Leadership committee to review.

The L-480 Steering Committee is committed to maintaining the L-480 IMT Leadership into the future for the fire community. We have had 6 successful L-480 sessions since 2005. The Northwest, Northern Rockies and Southwest geographic areas have each hosted 2 sessions.

*Cyndie Hogg*  
for BILL MOLUMBY

Chair  
L-480 / L-580 Steering Committee