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Sustainability is inherent to the climate change priorities established by the Biden Administration and U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is also integral to our agency's mission. Our wildfire response efforts present opportunities to demonstrate our commitment to conservation through efficient Federal operations. In addition, incident business practices must adapt to achieve climate-smart management objectives described in [Executive Order 14057](#). Examples of these objectives include a net-zero emissions from Federal procurement, a 75 percent reduction in Federal waste hauled to landfills, and net-zero emissions from overall Federal operations. The [National Greening Fire Team](#) assists national forests and incident management teams to accomplish these requirements and implement sustainability best management practices.

In order to continue progress towards meeting our sustainable operations requirements, while reducing our impact on local communities, the following actions are expected in the 2023 fire year:

- Line Officers include expectations for implementing sustainability Best Management Practices on incidents in the Leader's Intent letter and Incident Management Team in-briefings and provide on-forest assistance with identifying local sustainability resources (see [sample language](#)).
- Incident Management Teams leverage the nationwide [On-site Incident Recycling Blanket Purchase Agreement](#) to order on-site recycling services that increase the efficacy of waste diversion efforts where feasible.

I encourage you to amplify this message throughout your respective leadership teams and collaboratively identify opportunities to apply these and other sustainable business practices to reduce consumption of financial and natural resources at incidents.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to our mission.

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