

Teton Interagency Fire

Bridger-Teton National Forest
National Elk Refuge
Grand Teton National Park



2011 Teton Interagency Fire Incident Commander Delegation and Firefighter Expectations

This letter serves as a delegation of authority for all type 4 and 5 incident commanders, as well as providing expectations for all fire personnel engaged in wildland and prescribed fires:

Protection of life and the safety of the public and emergency responders is the most important objective for every fire. IC's are responsible for completing a complexity analysis at the time of the initial fire size up. Implement the Risk Management Process, as outlined in the Incident Response Pocket Guide. Before Incident Commanders commit personnel they should ask:

- o Is the outcome worth the risk?
- o Is there a smarter way to get a similar result with less exposure?

ICs shall understand Line Officer and Fire Management Officer's intent, and assure that all fire personnel understand this intent. Line officers and FMO may provide additional clarification regarding managing long-duration fires. ICs should provide feedback on the effectiveness of strategies and tactics. ICs will disengage immediately if strategies and tactics cannot be implemented safely and re-engage when ready.

There is no change in the objective for initial attack actions on human-caused wildfire which we will continue to suppress to minimize negative consequences with respect to firefighter and public safety.

Ensure that all firefighting actions are in full compliance with the Ten Standard Fire Orders and mitigation of applicable Watch Out Situations is accomplished; they are firm rules of engagement. All decisions to engage, disengage or re-engage in actions are made in terms of these orders.

All firefighters will work in a professional manner to ensure appropriate representation of our agencies. Foster an atmosphere free of discrimination, sexual harassment and other forms of inappropriate behavior.

Firefighters will be aware of personnel conditions and follow the Work Rest Guidelines. Watch for fatigue, failing attitudes, distractions and personnel issues.

ICs shall ensure personnel on their incident are only assigned to fireline positions for which they are qualified as certified by their employing agency. Ensure trainees have a qualified trainer.

Ensure that all incoming resources as well as those already on the fireline receive adequate briefings.

Ensure implementation of proper food storage policies/procedures.

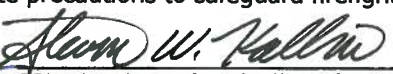
IC's are responsible to update TIDC and the Duty Officer every morning and afternoon on the status of the incident. Immediate notification to TIDC will be made for any significant changes in fire behavior, conditions and all injuries or accidents.


When recommending the declaration of the fire out, coordinate with the Duty Officer on the standards that will apply before demobilizing the fire.

For each incident, the IC is responsible for completing the appropriate sections of the Incident Organizer, conducting an After Action Review (AAR) and turning in that organizer with the fire report. The fire report is due to the Zone Duty Officer/Park AFMO within 10 days of the fire being declared out.

We have the utmost respect for your knowledge and professionalism and appreciate your dedication to the program. You serve in an extremely important role in these programs and the community. Please understand that your actions will be supported in all cases where you take the appropriate precautions to safeguard firefighters and the public.


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