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To: District Rangers, Staff

The Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (NFES 2724), Chapter 5 states: “Each Forest or Grassland Fire Management Officer or Assistant Fire Management Officer will perform the duties of a FAM Duty Officer (DO) for their unit, or will provide a delegated DO, during any periods of predicted or actual incident activity.”

The Forest Service Fire and Aviation Qualifications Guide, Chapter 4 states: “Individuals performing as DO must meet the minimum NWCG qualification consistent with the Forest/Grassland’s IFPM complexity rating and must also have the approval of the unit’s Agency Administrator... A written delegation of authority from the Agency Administrator is recommended as it represents a vital link between fire operations and the line officer.”

The following individuals are delegated as **Forest Duty Officer** for the Bridger-Teton National Forest:

Primary:

James Turner	Forest FMO
Josh Erickson	Forest Assistant FMO
Eric Neiswanger	Interagency Fire Planner
Andy Norman	Forest Fuels Specialist

Alternates as appropriate:

Brian Nate	East Zone FMO
Dave Wilkins	North Zone FMO
Jared Mattson	West Zone FMO
Paul Swenson	East Zone Fuels Specialist
Tim Sherwin	West Zone Fuels Specialist
Bill Mayer	Deputy FMO, Grand Teton National Park
Mike Johnston	Caribou-Targhee NF FFMO
Martel Gibbons	Caribou-Targhee Forest Assistant

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Forest Supervisors Office

James Turner	Forest FMO
Josh Erickson	Forest Assistant FMO
Eric Neiswanger	Interagency Fire Planner
Eric Newell	Teton Helitack Base Manager

North Zone

David Wilkins	North Zone FMO
Brett Loomis	North Zone AFMO, Operations
Spencer Johnston	South Fork Zone FMO, Caribou-Targhee National Forest



Will Bayse FMO, Grand Teton National Park
Bill Mayer Deputy FMO, Grand Teton National Park

East Zone

Brian Nate East Zone FMO
Paul Swenson East Zone Fuels Specialist
Kendra Jackson East Zone Fuels Tech.

West Zone

Jared Mattson West Zone FMO
Tim Sherwin Weston Fuels Specialist

Zone Duty Officer Trainees

Pat Tenney Engine 441 Captain
Eric Hawes Teton Interagency Fire Module Leader

Responsibilities, All Duty Officers

Duty Officers (DO) are responsible for implementation of the Forest-wide Fire Management programs defined by the Bridger-Teton NF's Fire Management Reference System and Spatial Fire Plan:

- All Duty Officers, including visiting DO's, will utilize the Bridger-Teton NF Duty Officer SOP guide.
- Utilize Zone and Forest level trainee Duty Officers when appropriate to build the forest experience base and skillset needed for folks to become qualified Duty Officers.
- Maintain Zone and Forest level Duty Officers as identified in the Interagency Fire Danger
- Operating Plan.
- The Duty Officer is on call until relieved by another qualified Duty Officer. They will coordinate daily with the Teton Interagency Dispatch Center, other Zone/Forest Duty Officers, and Line Officers. The DO will be available to the dispatch center by radio, cell phone, or other communication devices. During transition, the Duty Officer going off duty is responsible for briefing the incoming DO. The duty officer transitioning in is responsible for communicating the transition to assigned resources, Teton Dispatch and updating the Resource Status webpage daily.

Qualified resources that are assigned to the Forest may act as Zone and Forest Duty Officers (if qualified) with approval from the appropriate line officer. Zone Duty Officers and District Rangers will approve and brief Zone Duty Officers, while the Forest Duty Officer and Forest Supervisor or Deputy will brief additional Forest Duty Officers. Please remember that the key reason for Duty Officer designation during the fire season, is to ensure that qualified and capable leadership is available to recognize changes in fire parameters that could pose a significant hazard to resources assigned in or adjacent to the Forest.

Please do not hesitate to contact James Turner, Forest Fire Management Officer at 801-915-2871, or Josh Erickson, Forest AFMO at 307-739-5581 if you have any questions.

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Deputy Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

Cc: James Turner, Josh Erickson, David Wilkins, Brett Loomis, Pat Tenney, Eric Hawes, Spencer Johnston, Jared Mattson, Kendra Jackson, Heather McDonald, Andy Norman, Mike Johnston, Martel Gibbons, Brian Nate, Paul Swenson, Kendra Jackson, Tim Sherwin, Jason Wilmot, Todd Stiles, Greg Brooks, Justin Laycock, Adam Calkins