

Definition of Terms

Agency – One of the participants that are a party to this plan; Forest Service, Park Service, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Bureau of Land Management and counties.

Agency Representative – A person assigned by the Agency Administrator to be responsible for making decisions concerning fire management activities for their organization at the Forest/Unit/Land Office level.

Agency with Protection Responsibility – The agency with designated wildland fire protection responsibility for a defined area

Agency with Ownership/Jurisdiction – The agency that owns the land, which may or may not be the agency with protection responsibilities.

AP – Anaconda Pintler Wilderness Area

CLO – Central Land Office, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Helena)

County – A local administrative subdivision of the State.

County Assist – State assistance provided to the county for a fire that has exceeded county capabilities, or extended beyond the time of the agreed upon mutual aid period.

County Fire Advisor (CFA) – Advises the county on county and state responsibilities. Normally is requested by a county and works for the county IC. Advises the county on strategy and tactics, responsibilities of multiple jurisdiction fires, and keeps the DNRC line officer informed of the situation. Normally does not assume command of the fire.

DDC Operations Area – The area within the protection boundaries of the Dillon Unit of the DNRC; the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests; The BLM Butte and Dillon Field Offices; and Beaverhead, Madison, Butte-Silverbow, Powell, Granite, Deerlodge Counties and portions of Jefferson county.

Dillon Interagency Dispatch Center (DIDC) – An interagency dispatch center set up to perform fire and other emergency dispatching for the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests, Bureau of Land Management and the Dillon Unit, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, Grant-Kohrs National Historic Site, and Big Hole National Battlefield.

District – A USFS Ranger District, BLM Field Office or DNRC Unit who's Agency Administrator has authority over agency programs within the district/unit geographical boundary.

Duty Officer – A person assigned by the Agency Administrator to be responsible for decision making aspects of fire management activities for their organization at the district level. Also serves as a 24-hour contact for dispatch.

Fire Management Plan – (FMP) The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest plan for all fire activities. The plan addresses prevention, pre-suppression, suppression, prescribed fire, fuels management, equipment, cooperation, fire reports, and management. The plan is updated annually.

Fire Complexity Analysis- Appendix C in the Management Plan, this form is intended to evaluate the need for an overhead team. Will be done at the beginning of a fire, and again as needed throughout the incident.

Forest – United States Department of Agriculture lands administered by the Supervisor's Office in Dillon for the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

Incident Situation Assessment – A means to document the decision making process when dealing with a given situation by considering all available information.

Initial Attack Dispatching – Dispatching actions taken to assure a prompt initial fire suppression response to a wildfire which includes setting priorities among fires when resources are scarce.

Initial Attack Resources – Agency resources who are trained and equipped as first responders.

Initial Attack Zone – The area of initial attack responsibility for a unit or district.

Land Office – The administering body for one of six regions within the State of Montana. The Central Land Office, located in Helena is responsible for state lands within Beaverhead and Madison Counties.

Liaison Officer - A person responsible for assisting and cooperation with agencies or the agency representatives.

Mobilization Guide – Agency specific guidelines for wildfire preparedness and response.

Mutual Aid – Aid given to an agency, county, or RVFD in support of suppression objectives for an agreed upon amount of time.

NRCC – Northern Rockies Coordination Center in Missoula.

NICC – National Interagency Coordination Center in Boise.

Overload – A situation where the work capacity of a dispatch center is exceeded.

Peak Load- The maximum level at which a dispatch center is expected to operate based on historical fire occurrence records.

Resource Advisor – An employee of an agency who is qualified to advise an Incident Commander of acceptable suppression actions to be taken on agency owned lands. This position advises of threatened and endangered species, archeological sites, and sensitive areas, etc. and proper tactics which can be applied.

Wildland Fire Decision Support System – (WFDSS) a way of integrating the various applications used to manage incidents into a single system, which streamlines the analysis and reporting processes. It is designed to replace the **WFSA (Wildland Fire Situation Analysis)**, Wildland Fire Implementation Plan (WFIP), and Long-Term Implementation Plan (LTIP) processes with a single process that is easier to use, more intuitive, linear, scalable, and progressively responsive to changing fire complexity.

Wildland Fire Situation Analysis – (WFSA) A decision-making process that evaluates alternative wildfire suppression strategies against selected environmental, social, political, and economic criteria, and provides a record of those decisions.