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The Cooperative Fire Management Agreement dated March of 2005 and the Dillon Dispatch Center Operating Plan for 2007 provides for the establishment and continued operation of the Dillon Interagency Dispatch Center. DDC has the authority delegated from the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest Supervisor, the BLM Field Manager and the Central Land Office Area Manager to move personnel and equipment throughout the area covered by interagency agreements to meet fire preparedness and fire suppression needs. Line Officer authority for the Forest Supervisor is delegated to the Fire Staff Officer in the absence of the Forest Supervisor for the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

42 Cooperators

- Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests
- Bureau of Land Management, Butte and Dillon Field Offices
- Montana Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation, Dillon Unit
- National Park Service, Big Hole Battlefield
- National Park Service, Grant-Kohrs Ranch
- Bureau of Reclamation, Dillon Office
- Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge
- Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Bannack State Park
- Beaverhead County
- Madison County

43 Federal Agencies

The BLM (Dillon Field Office for Beaverhead and Madison Counties, Butte Field Office for the rest of the zone) will provide DDC with a map annually by May 1 that designates all areas requiring special suppression strategies and specify strategies necessary with respect to heavy equipment, engines, power tools, etc.

44 State/County

44.1 Department of Natural Resource and Conservation

An approved operation plan is functional between the Southwest Lands Office and the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests. Cooperative efforts are maintained in the initial attack, support actions, helicopter operations and detection. The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests will assist in training responsibilities when needed.

The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests and the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation-Dillon Unit operate out of an interagency dispatch center (DDC) for the dispatch of initial attack resources to incidents on both agencies using the closest forces concept. An approved operation plan is functional between the Central Land Office and the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. Both agencies are a part of the Central Zone Support Dispatch organization, which is an additional operational unit out of the Dillon Interagency Dispatch Center located at the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Supervisor's Office.

44.2 Local Government Resources

The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest will work in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation and the local government fire authorities for mobilization of local Government resources using NRCG Mobilization Guides when the need can be met by these resources.

44.3 County Initial Attack - - Working Zones

The initial attack working zone for "closest forces", "8 hour - - no charge" are the Beaverhead and Madison County boundary lines.

Jefferson County shares wildland fire protection boundaries with the Helena National Forest and the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Montana DNRC Helena and Dillon Units, Helena Dispatch Center and Dillon Dispatch Center. To manage initial attack and support fire dispatching needs most efficiently, all forces agree to provide eight (8) hour initial attack at no charge to the responsible agency.

If an incident requires extended attack and/or support/extended dispatch service, Jefferson County (points south of Boulder Hill) can request support through DDC.

DDC will, in turn, provide timely incident status updates to Helena Dispatch Center.