



NORTHERN ROCKIES COORDINATING GROUP

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NORTHERN ROCKIES DEMOBILIZATION GUIDELINES

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As fire activity increases and resources become more essential but less available, it is timely to review our Northern Rockies Geographic Area demobilization guidelines. The Northern Rockies Coordination Center needs to be informed 24 hours in advance of the planned release of resources, to allow time to prioritize needs and coordinate reassignments.

Generally, local initial attack resources assigned to large fires should be released as quickly as possible to their home units. The following release priorities will apply unless the fire unit is notified of changes by the Northern Rockies Coordinator.

(Out-of-area denotes outside of the Northern Rockies geographic area.)

CREWS

1. Crews that have been extended beyond their initial 14-day assignment
2. Out-of-area Type 1 crews
3. Northern Rockies area Type 1 crews
4. Out-of-area contract and AD pay crews
5. Out-of-area agency regulars
6. In-area agency regulars
7. In-area organized crews (such as NAC)

Crews should be grouped to facilitate charter air travel to the same locations whenever possible. Plan to hold crews at the incident/local unit for 24 hours after release notification has been given to NRCC, and until travel arrangements have been confirmed.

OVERHEAD

1. Portal-to-portal pay personnel
2. Initial attack support and in-area overhead resources

Have lists of reassignable overhead to the NRCC at least 24 hours prior to their release. These lists should include all qualifications for each individual and the number of days they have been out on assignment.

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Montana Firewardens Association
Montana Division of Disaster
and Emergency Services

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Bureau of Land Management
National Park Service
US Fish and Wildlife Service

USDA Forest Service
State of Idaho
North Dakota Forest Service

HELICOPTERS

1. Military helicopters
2. In-area exclusive use helicopters to home units for initial attack
3. Out-of-area exclusive use initial attack helicopters needed by home unit
4. Out-of-area CWN helicopters
5. In-area CWN helicopters

Type 1 and 2 helicopters are national resources and may not be reassigned, **even to another incident on the ordering unit**, without the NRCC first obtaining concurrence from the NICC.

Give 24 hours advance notice prior to release of type 1 and 2 helicopters, modules and managers.

ENGINES &/OR WATER TENDERS

1. Agency and local government engines/tenders required for initial attack/preparedness on home unit
2. Any portal-to-portal pay engines/tenders
3. Out-of-area contract engines/tenders
4. Out-of-area local government engines/tenders
5. Incident specific private 'non Best Value' engines/tenders
6. Northern Rockies 'Best Value' contract engines/tenders
7. Out-of-area agency (state and/or federal) engines/tenders

Be aware of state DOT restrictions for highway transport of heavy equipment on holidays and holiday weekends.

NORTHERN ROCKIES OTHER 'BEST VALUE' EQUIPMENT & PERSONNEL (Fallers, Service Trucks w/Mechanics, Potable Water Tenders, Gray Water Tenders, Refrig. Trailers, Communication Trailers, Tents, etc.)

1. Out-of-area contract equipment and personnel
2. Incident specific private 'non Best Value' equipment and personnel
3. Northern Rockies 'Best Value' equipment and personnel
4. Agency equipment and personnel



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RADIOS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT

1. National caterers, showers and radios **may not be reassigned** unless agreed to by NICC/NRCC.
2. Demobilization of NIRSC radios and kits should follow these guidelines:

National PL II - Equipment can be shipped ground freight in an expedited trackable mode

National PL III - Ship air freight with no less than 2-day service. If ground freight can guarantee 2-day service, you may use it.

National PLs IV/V – Consider overnight air charter, or ground delivery if within same-day delivery distance.

REMINDER: STRIVE TO RETURN RESOURCES HOME BY 2200 LOCAL TIME

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