

Northern Rockies Coordination Center

Smokejumpers Para Cargo Ordering

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- Order aircraft in IROC as an **A#, Fixed Wing, Cargo** on the appropriate incident
 - a. Place order to NRCC, who will determine appropriate smokejumper base to fill order
 - b. **After filling base is determined, contact appropriate the smoke jumper duty officer to discuss/coordinate Para cargo mission:**
 - **MSJC Jump Ops 406-329-4896**
 - **GVC Jump Ops 208-983-9588**
 - **WYS Jump Ops 406-646-1197**
 - **NRCC Aircraft desk 406-329-4882 or 4883**
- For **Fresh Food Drops**, order at least one day in advance.
 - a. Order the food-cargo as one 'support' **S#** to the Aircraft order as: **Service, Groceries/Sundries**.
 - Place to NRCC if order is not being filled via the local/home unit Smokejumper Base (e.g. Grangeville Smokejumpers filling GVC para-cargo order)
 - b. Identify the following in the special needs block:
 - **The Total # of people being fed.**
 - **The Total # of days' worth of food required.**
 - **Ground contact on the incident.**
 - **Air to Ground Frequency.**
 - **Drop Delivery Latitude/Longitude.**
 - c. Smokejumper Base filling order will purchase groceries to fill order and either:
 - Relay S# fill information (Vendor, Credit Card holder name, and total cost) to the filling unit (dispatch) to complete S# OR
 - Fill associated S# with appropriate fill information (applies specifically to MSJC)
- When requesting **NFES Supply items**
 - a. These will also be created as **Support S#(s)** on the parent **A#, Fixed Wing, Cargo**
 - b. If MSJC is filling your para-cargo order coordinate with the MSJC DO on how NFES S#s will be created
 - For non-trackable items it may be agreed that MSJC will create appropriate S#s to fill para-cargo need and place direct to the Missoula Cache
 - c. Place S#s in IROC directly to the **appropriate** Fire Cache (keep in mind this will likely be the cache closest to the jump base filing your para-cargo order, not necessarily the cache closest to the ordering unit)
 - Coordinate with the jump base for pickup/delivery of items.
- The Jump Center will coordinate drop date and time with the local dispatch center and the hosting dispatch office.
 - a. The jump center will provide a flight strip with general time frame

Remember: If the para cargo request comes in after hours, NRCC, GVC or BDC will notify the smoke jumper duty officer. This is especially critical if the requested delivery time is the following morning. It often takes 8+ hours to package the supplies for a Para Cargo Drop.

JPAD (GPS Guided Para Cargo)

The Missoula, Grangeville, and West Yellowstone Smokejumpers have the ability to drop GPS guided para cargo in low-visibility (IFR) conditions. Due to the low number of these units currently in the system, users should contact Smokejumper Operations before ordering to make sure that the units are currently available and will meet the payload needs of the fire. If ordering through dispatch, be sure to specify Guided Para Cargo in Special Needs.