

APPENDIX P – COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

COOPERATION

Successful fire management within the Northern Rockies geographic area requires close cooperation among a variety of federal, state and local fire departments, agencies and other organizations. Dispatchers and fire personnel must be informed and knowledgeable about the capabilities and needs of cooperators. Copies of cooperative agreements and operating plans must be made available to dispatchers and fire managers. It is generally most effective to handle cooperative efforts at a local level.

Note: The following agreements, plans, MOUs, and guides are dated with the most recently published date according to the source reference. More recently dated documents supersede those listed.

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

Canada Support – Operational Guidelines

<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/International%20Agreements.html>

British Columbia and NW United States Wildfire Response Boarder Arrangement Between British Columbia Ministry of Forest Lands & Natural Resource Operations and US Forest Service Pacific Northwest, Alaska and Northern Regions and National Park Service Pacific West, Alaska and Intermountain Regions and Bureau of Land Management Oregon/Washington and Idaho State Offices(05/2014, expires 05/2018)

Provides framework for exchange of fire management resources along the United States British Columbia Border. A copy of the agreement and operating guideline can be found at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/Agreements&OperationsPlans.htm>

Australia Support – Policy

<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/International%20Agreements.html>

Australia Support – Operational Guidelines

<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/International%20Agreements.html>

New Zealand Support – Policy

<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/International%20Agreements.html>

New Zealand Support – Operational Guidelines

<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/International%20Agreements.html>

Mexico Support – Policy

<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/International%20Agreements.html>

Mexico Support – Operational Guidelines

<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/International%20Agreements.html>

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS

Interagency Agreement for Air Traffic Control Services and Temporary Mobile Air Traffic Control Tower

<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/references/Interagency%20Agreements.pdf>

Interagency Agreement for the Provision of Temporary Support during Wildland Firefighting Operations among the United States Department of the Interior, the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Defense

<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/references/Interagency%20Agreements.pdf>

Interagency Agreement for Fire Management between the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the United States Department of the Interior and the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture

<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/references/Interagency%20Agreements.pdf>

Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Department of the Agriculture Forest Service and the United States Department of the Interior – Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Reclamation (Law Enforcement)

<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/references/Interagency%20Agreements.pdf>

International Emergency Assistance Response Process – Operating Plan for USDA Forest Service

<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/references/Interagency%20Agreements.pdf>

Bureau of Land Management, Assistant Directorate – Resource Use & Protection, Office of Fire and Aviation Management, International Program

<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/references/Interagency%20Agreements.pdf>

Interagency Memorandum of Agreement between U.S. Department Of Agriculture – Forest Service, U.S. Department of the Interior – Bureau of Land Management and the United States Army – Special Operations Command

<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/references/Interagency%20Agreements.pdf>

Cooperative Wildland Fire Protection and Stafford Act Response Agreement Between State of North Dakota, North Dakota Forest Service and USDI, Bureau Of Land Management, Montana and Dakotas: National Park Service, Midwest Region; Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Plains Region; US Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain Prairie Region and USDA Forest Service, Northern Region 07-FI-110156000-006 Modification #5 (expires 12/31/2016)

This Agreement documents the commitment of agencies to improve wildland fire protection by facilitating the increased availability of resources including but not limited to: The exchange of personnel, equipment, supplies, services and funds among the agencies. The agreement also documents the commitment of agencies to provide cooperation, resources and support to the Secretary of Homeland Security in the implementation of the National Response Framework, as appropriate and consistent with their own authorities and responsibilities. Only presidentially declared emergencies and disasters are covered under this agreement. A copy of the agreement can be found at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/Agreements&OperationsPlans.htm>

Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement Between State of South Dakota and USDI, Bureau of Land Management, Montana-Dakotas State Office; National Park Service, Midwest Region; Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Plains Region; US Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain Prairie Region and USDA Forest Service, Region 1 (07-FI-11015600-037) Region 2 (07-FI-11020000-001)Modification #6 (expires 8/16/2016)

The purpose of this cooperative fire management agreement is to document agreement and commitment to fire management assistance and cooperation. A copy of the agreement can be found at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/Agreements&OperationsPlans.htm>

Idaho Cooperative Wildland Fire Protection and Stafford Act Response Agreement Between State of Idaho Department Of Lands AND USDI, Bureau of Land Management, Idaho; National Park Service, Pacific West Region; Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northwest Region; US Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Region and USDA Forest Service, Region 1, Region 6, Region 4 (07-FI-11015600-087 Modification # 4 (expires 4/30/2016)

This agreement documents the commitment of agencies to improve wildland fire protection by facilitating the increased availability of resources including but not limited to: The exchange of personnel, equipment, supplies, services and funds among the agencies. The agreement also documents the commitment of agencies to provide cooperation, resources and support to the Secretary of Homeland Security in the implementation of the National Response Framework, as appropriate and consistent with their own authorities and responsibilities. Only Presidential declared emergencies and disasters are covered under this agreement. A copy of the agreement and operating plan can be found at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/Agreements&OperationsPlans.htm>

Montana Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Agreement between State Of Montana, Department Of Natural Resources and Conservation and USDI, Bureau of Land Management, Montana and Dakotas; National Park Service, Intermountain Region; Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northwest and Rocky Mountain Regions; US Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain-Prairie Region and USDA Forest Service, Region 1 11-FI-110156000-006 Dated 1/2010 Modification #1 expires 12/31/2016)

This Agreement documents the commitment of agencies to improve wildland fire protection by facilitating the increased availability of resources including but not limited to: The exchange of personnel, equipment, supplies, services and funds among the agencies. The agreement also documents the commitment of agencies to provide cooperation, resources and support to the Secretary of Homeland Security in the implementation of the National Response Framework, as appropriate and consistent with their own authorities and responsibilities. Only Presidential declared emergencies and disasters are covered under this agreement. A copy of the agreement can be found at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/Agreements&OperationsPlans.htm>

Master Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement Between USDI, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon and Washington ; National Park Service, Pacific West Region; Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northwest Region; US Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Region and USDA, Forest Service, Pacific Northwest and Northern Regions Et Al)14-FI-11062752-013,dated 4/2014 expires 4/2019)

This Agreement documents the commitment of agencies to improve wildland fire protection by facilitating the increased availability of resources including but not limited to: The exchange of personnel, equipment, supplies, services and funds among the agencies. A copy of the agreement and operating plan can be found at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/Agreements&OperationsPlans.htm>

SMOKEJUMPER AGREEMENT

Smokejumper Agreement Interagency Agreement between the U.S. Department of Interior – Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Department of Agriculture – Forest Service, for the Joint Operation of Smokejumper Resources

<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/references/Interagency%20Agreements.pdf>

Intra-Agency Agreement between US Forest Service Northern Region and US Forest Service Southwestern Region. (expires 2016)

Provides for the procedures for the sharing of smokejumper and smokejumper aircraft services between R-1 and R-3

Reference the Northern Rockies Coordination Center's Agreement binder

MODULAR AIRBORNE FIREFIGHTING SYSTEMS AGREEMENTS

Modular Airborne Firefighting System Agreements Agreement between North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, Division of Forest Resources, and Forest Service – United States Department of Agriculture Agreement between California – Department of Forestry, the National Guard, and USDA – Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region Collection Agreement between Wyoming State Forestry Division and the Forest Service – United States Department of Agriculture
<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/references/Interagency%20Agreements.pdf>

NATIONAL GUARD

Memorandum of Agreement between Montana Department of Military Affairs, Montana National Guard and Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Forestry Division (2015)

The Cooperative Agreement outlines use and procedures for requesting assistance from the Montana National Guard for emergency firefighting aircraft, personnel and equipment for use on federal, state and private lands in Montana. A Copy of this agreement may be found at:
<http://dnrc.mt.gov/forestry/Fire/Business/Agreements.asp>

Memorandum of Agreement for State Cooperation Fire Suppression Operations between Military Division, State Of Idaho and Idaho Department of Lands

The memorandum of agreement provides guidance to enhance cooperation between parties to facilitate employment of IDNG facilities, equipment and personnel for firefighting operations in Idaho.

STATES

Montana

Memorandum of Agreement between Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (2012) Valid until rescinded

Agreement facilitates rapid deployment of law enforcement strike teams to incidents needing large scale evacuation of public. A copy of this agreement may be found at:
<http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/fire-and-aviation/fire-business/agreements-plans-and-guides>

Cooperative Agreement between Department Of Natural Resources and Conservation and the Department of Corrections (13APR06)

Agreement to provide trained fire crews to suppress wildland fires burning on or threatening land protected by agencies recognized by the DNRC. A copy of this agreement may be found at:
<http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/fire-and-aviation/fire-business/agreements-plans-and-guides>

Traffic Control MOU between DNRC and Department of Transportation (DOT) expires 12/2016

Provides for safe and efficient movement of road users around incident management activities.

A copy of this agreement may be found at:

<http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/fire-and-aviation/fire-business/agreements-plans-and-guides>

Idaho

Idaho Department of Corrections Agreement

<http://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire/index.html>

OTHER

Individual Agency Agreements

Intra-Agency Agreement between US Forest Service Units Northern Region and Southwestern Region (expires 12/2017)

Due to the two regions offset and complementary fire seasons, resource sharing outside of large fire support is facilitated and formalized by this agreement. Only US Forest Service employees may be mobilized under this agreement.

http://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/administrative/policy_reports/R1R3_agreement.pdf

Bureau of Land Management Memorandum of Understanding, Forest Service Interagency Agreement between the US Forest Service, Northern Region and the Bureau of Land Management, Alaska Fire Service (14-IA-11015200-005) 03/2014, expires 12/2018)

Reference the Northern Rockies Coordination Center's Agreement Binder.

COMPACTS

Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement (Northwest Compact – 2013)

The purpose of the Northwest Compact is "...to promote effective prevention, pre-suppression and control of forest fires in the Northwest wildland region of the United States and adjacent areas of Canada..." The agreement allows the members; States of Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Yukon Territory, British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan to request and provide mutual aid resources from each other. "Members may request the United States Forest Service to act as the coordinating agency of the Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement in cooperation with the appropriate agencies for each member". A copy of the current

Agreement can be found in Appendix O and at: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/fire-and-aviation/fire-business/agreements-plans-and-guides>

Great Plains Interstate Forest Fire Compact (August 2013)

North Dakota and South Dakota are member states of this compact, along with the member states of Colorado and Wyoming. The Compact was enabled by the United States Congress and signed into federal law in 2005. The purpose of the Compact is to share forest fire prevention and suppression resources within the Compact and with other interstate forest fire Compacts across the nation. The Great Plains Compact Annual Operating Plan may be found at www.gpifc.org