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71 NATIONAL INTERAGENCY RADIO SUPPORT CACHE (NIRSC)

Reference the **National Mobilization Guide**.

71.1 RADIO CACHE

All orders for radio kits will be placed on a ROSS Equipment order to the Northern Rockies Coordination Center. Requests will be forwarded to the NICC and filled by the National Incident Radio Support Cache (NIRSC) in Boise, ID. In order to be processed through NICC, the order must contain Bill To and Ship To information in Special Needs. Specify your shipping needs: by ground, commercial air, or charter.

If the order is for other than fire or severity (ie. training), the BLM requires a Reimbursable Authorization form, available at:

http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/coord_forms.htm

If incidents are in close proximity to each other, units may request that command/tactical radios be reprogrammed to avoid interference between the incidents. Such requests should be made to the NRCC and must be approved by the Communications Duty Officer at the NIRSC.

71.1.2 SATELLITE AND MICROWAVE COMMUNICATIONS

Various communication systems are available through contract or NIFC. Order through the NRCC.

71.2 LOCALLY AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT

USDA FOREST SERVICE - The Forest Service has several Forest controlled radio kits. These kits may be ordered, however some, such as the Helibase and Air Attack Kits, might already be in use with locally assigned aircraft. The corresponding dispatch center will contact the individual forest for availability.

TACTICAL DIVISION KITS

Flathead NF
Idaho Panhandle NF
Nez Perce NF

HELIBASE KITS

Helena NF
Bitterroot NF
Kootenai NF
Nez Perce NF

AIR ATTACK KITS

Beaverhead NF
Bitterroot NF

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS - The IDL has three fire-line repeaters and four command/tactical division kits pre-positioned as follows. Contact the office listed for availability.

	REPEATER	CMD/TAC KIT
Coeur d'Alene Fire Cache	2 EA	3 EA
Craigmont Area Office	1 EA	1 EA

One of the three CMD/TAC Kits at CDK is programmed with R1 Forest Service frequencies. The fireline repeaters are equipped with the IDL project fire repeater frequencies (TX 151.445 Tone 100 - RX 159.285) and may be used anywhere

within Idaho. Other frequencies require reprogramming and tuning by an authorized radio technician.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

Tactical Division Kit

- 1 Missoula
- 1 Billings
- 1 Miles City
- 1 Lewistown

Fireline repeaters (trans-peaters)

- 2 Missoula

71.3 PREPOSITIONED RADIO SYSTEMS

NIRSC ICS Starter Systems (NFES #4390) will be pre-positioned in Billings, Missoula, and Coeur d'Alene fire caches for use in fire season 2008. Although pre-positioned at the assigned equipment cache, NFES 4390 Kits must be ordered by placing a resource request to the NRCC via a ROSS equipment order. The NRCC will contact the communications duty officer (CDO) at NIRSC who will evaluate frequency assignments to reduce the occurrence of interference with radio communications on other incidents. After approval by the CDO the system will be reassigned to the specific incident.

71.4 BATTERIES

Consult the NIRSC user's guide or NFES catalog (Communications Section) to determine the proper battery required for each type of radio.

The Northern Rockies Fire Cache stocks the AA clamshell, NFES #1034 (HOLDER, radio battery); batteries for the AA clamshell, NFES #0030; 7.5V Repeater Batteries, NFES #1023; 6V Hotshot Batteries, NFES #1233.

72 NATIONAL MOBILE FOOD SERVICES AND NATIONAL MOBILE SHOWER FACILITIES

Orders for national food service and shower facilities will be placed as equipment orders via ROSS to the NRCC. For additional ordering and usage information reference the **National Mobilization Guide**, Chapter 23.8. Both food and shower contracts are available for download at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/contracting>

72.1 MEALS

Besides national food service/caterers, the following options are available to feed firefighters:

- A. **Individual Meals Ready to Eat (MRE)** – MRE's may be supplied to initial attack firefighters, to personnel in travel status, or to firefighters working on the fireline. These rations may also be used in circumstances which preclude furnishing personnel with more adequate sustenance.
- C. **State of Montana Kitchen Units** - The State of Montana DNRC maintains kitchen units in Helena, Billings, Anaconda, Missoula and Miles City. Large units can provide food service for 200 to 400 persons and smaller units from 50 to 100 persons. The kitchen units will not be dispatched outside the State of Montana.
- D. **Restaurant Sack Lunches** - This meal consists of two sandwiches with a fruit and candy. The main disadvantage of this meal is that it is perishable and must be prepared fresh as needed. The best alternative to this is the MRE. There is a regional Best Value agreement in place for sack lunches. Reference Chapter 79.13.
- E. **Air Delivery of Prepared Foods** - Hot meals can be prepared locally and then delivered to the camp by either helicopter or air drop. Because of operations time lost, especially waiting for a breakfast delivery, this is the least desirable method of feeding firefighters. Air delivery of breakfasts should be discouraged.
- F. **Camp Prepared Meals by Local Agency Personnel** - This option would usually be limited to Fire Camps located near established Forest Service or cooperator kitchens.

ROSS Procedure: Resource requests for mobile caterers or showers are ordered as Equipment, Mobile Food Service or Equipment, Mobile Shower. Food Service Request forms are not processed via ROSS. Fill out the current request form and send via DMS or FAX to the NRCC. The form is available in the National Mobilization Guide Chapter 28.2 or online at the NRCC website:

<http://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/dispatch/foodservice.pdf>

73 NATIONAL CONTRACT MOBILE COMMISSARY SERVICES

The National Mobile Commissary Services contract is not available for 2008.

74 ATMOSPHERIC THEODOLITE METEOROLOGICAL UNIT (ATMU- NFES #1836)

An Incident Meteorologist (IMET) determines the need for an ATMU (NFES #1836). Three ATMUs are available at the Northern Rockies Fire Cache in Missoula, MT. Check with NRK or in ROSS for availability and order through NRCC.

ROSS Procedure: ATMUs are considered an equipment item similar to radio equipment. Requests will be placed via ROSS to the NRCC as an “E” request for a Kit, Atmospheric Theodolite Meteorological Unit. Note the name of the ordering IMET in special needs.

75 FIRE/PROJECT REMOTE AUTOMATIC WEATHER STATIONS (FRAWS – NFES #5869 / PRAWS – NFES #5870)

Requests for FRAWS/PRAWS are placed with NICC on a ROSS Equipment order for a Kit. Reference the **National Mobilization Guide**, Chapter 70.75.

ROSS Procedure: Requests for FRAWS/PRAWS are placed to NICC through NRCC on a ROSS Equipment order. Bill to and Ship to information is required in Special Needs. In general, if ordered with technician, the RAWS will be driven to the incident by the technician. If qualified personnel are available at the incident and the RAWS unit is ordered without technician, the RAWS will be shipped via commercial air or ground freight or charter if available. If ordered without technician, document in Special Needs that agency qualified personnel are available at the unit.

76 ENGINES AND WATER TENDERS

Northern Rockies Area resource requests for engines and/or water tenders will be by type as described in the Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook, NRCG Supplement, Chapter 20, Acquisition. Engines and Tenders dispatched outside of the Northern Rockies geographic area will conform to these same types and standards as described in the NRCG Supplement. These standards meet or exceed those established in the National Mobilization Guide, 70.76. Refer to Chapter 23.1.1 of the Northern Rockies Mobilization Guide for further information on engine and water tender dispatch guidelines.

Engine personnel requirements for BLM, NPS, FWS, or USFS Type 4 or 5 engines, as described in the Interagency Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations 2008, Chapter 14 (the Red Book), exceed those listed in both the NRCG supplement and the National Mob Guide. The requirement for a minimum of three crewmembers on Type 4 or 5 engines provided by the BLM, NPS, FWS, or USFS will be followed. Engines ordered from the Northern Rockies must be staffed with a qualified Single Resource Boss (ENGB).

The use of a lowboy for engine transport must be authorized through the NRCC.

Engines are not ordered in Strike Team configuration in the Northern Rockies Geographic area. If you wish to form a strike team of engines, place individual requests for single resource engines and a request for a STEN - Strike Team Leader Engines, and upon arrival at the incident assign as a strike team.

Engines may be ordered with foam production systems or other capabilities. Identify capabilities required by utilizing the Features function in ROSS when the resource is ordered. Common special need capabilities include:

- Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS or other foam production/application system)
- Metering System (Automatic Regulating Proportioning System)
- Four wheel drive or all-wheel drive

Mobilization of local government resources for use on wildland fires will be done through Interagency State/Zone Dispatch Centers or the NRCC. Local government resources include city, county, or rural fire department personnel and equipment.

Montana local government resources are generally mobilized in cooperation with the Montana DNRC under the State County Cooperative Fire Protection Program. Billing and other paperwork is processed with local DNRC officials. Some federal agencies have established mutual aid or other suppression agreements directly with local government fire suppression organizations. In these cases the dispatch will be accomplished as specified in the agreement. Payment and other paperwork are processed directly between the parties to the agreement.

See Appendix N – Mobilization of Local Government Resources for details.

Orders for engines or water tenders will be filled first using federal, state and local government resources. Once all available agency or cooperator owned resources have been dispatched or are otherwise reported unavailable, orders for private water handling equipment will be placed through normal dispatch channels following dispatch procedures established by the Best Value agreement. These procedures utilize a Best Value priority list for dispatch. The equipment is ranked by Best Value and dispatched in order based on priority. The priority list may vary for in and out of area assignments. In general, equipment on Best Value priority lists is tracked in ROSS and orders are placed first within the zone, then to neighbors, and then to the GACC. For incidents outside the Northern Rockies, NRCC will send orders to the dispatch centers with the following statement in documentation (and will follow up with a phone call):

Sending order for Type (#) Engine BV Out of Area Priority (###) – Name of Engine, VIN #####, Dispatch Center Identifier. Do not fill order with any other resource without consulting NRCC.

After Best Value agreement resources have been exhausted or are reported unavailable, local or incident-specific EERAs may be used to fill orders.

ROSS Procedure: Resource requests for engines and tenders are ordered as Equipment; Engine or Tender, Water by Type i.e. engine Type 6 or Tender, Water Type 2. If the type requested is unavailable and another type will meet the incident's needs call providing dispatch centers or the NRCC for availability status of acceptable types. Change the request as needed to match the ordered type with the available filling type. Availability status for individual Engine and Tender resources will be maintained in ROSS.

The following table summarizes agency engine and water tender resources available by Dispatch Center.

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APPARATUS		WATER TENDERS			WILDLAND ENGINES				
NWCG TYPE		1	2	3	3	4	5	6	7
MINIMUM GALLONS		5000+	2500+	1000+	500+	750+	400-750	150-400	50-200
DISPATCH	UNIT								
BDC	SOS							3	
	CRA					2	1	3	
	FPA					1	1	2	
	NCA					2		2	
	CNF- Beartooth							2	
BRC	BRF					4		4	
BZC	GNF					1		7	
	YNP							1	
CDC	IPF					10		8	1
	IDL			2		8	2	9	5
	CDT					1	1	2	1
	COD							1	
DDC	BDF							9	
	CES- Dillon							2	
	BUD							2	
	GKP			1					
KIC	FNF			1		1		7	
	NWS		1					17	
GDC	LCF							5	
	BFA					1		3	
	FBA					1		4	
	RBA							3	
GVC	CWF					3		7	
	NPF					2		6	
	CTS		3			1		2	
	CMS		1			1		4	
	MCS					1	1	1	1
	NPT							2	
HDC	CWD							1	
	HNF					3		7	
KDC	CES		1	1			1	7	
	KNF		1	1	2	8		6	2
	NWS- Libby			1				4	
LEC	LED			1		2		5	
	NES							3	
	CMR					1		3	
	BWR							1	
MCC	CMR							2	
	CNF							2	
	EAS							2	
	MCD	1	1			2		7	
	MLR	1						1	
MDC	LNF		1			5		5	
	SWS					1		18	
	FHA					2		4	
	NWS- PLAINS					1		4	
NDC	DPF							3	
	NDS							2	
	FBA							2	

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APPARATUS		WATER TENDERS			WILDLAND ENGINES				
NWCG TYPE		1	2	3	3	4	5	6	7
MINIMUM GALLONS		5000+	2500+	1000+	500+	750+	400-750	150-400	50-200
DISPATCH	UNIT								
NDC	FTA							6	
	TMA					1		4	
	AWR							4	
	DLR			1		3	2	5	
	DVR							3	
	JCR							3	
	LLR					1		2	
	FUP								1
	KRP								1
	TRP							2	2

77 CACHE SUPPORT

77.1 CACHE SUPPORT VANS

The Mobile Cache Support Van is configured to assist the initial establishment of an incident camp.

The Northern Rockies Cache system (Missoula, Billings, and Coeur d’Alene) has two configurations:

- NFES #2069 Mobile Cache Support Van
- NFES #82069 Kit, Regional Mobile Cache Support Van

Within the Northern Rockies Geographic Area, order NFES #82069.

Outside the Northern Rockies Geographic Area, order NFES #2069.

NFES #2069 will not be in stock at the Northern Rockies Fire Cache, but it may be built to order if requested by customers outside the geographic area.

Both configurations are ordered with an “S” (Supply) request from the supply dispatcher.

During normal seasonal operations, the van is generally preloaded and available for dispatch within 1-2 hours of the order’s receipt. Dispatches outside of normal business hours and during the off-season require longer dispatch times. Trailers used to transport supplies are critical Cache resources. They will not remain on an incident. Items must be unloaded immediately upon receipt and trailers returned to the Cache.

Cache support vans will also be pre-positioned throughout the Northern Rockies. Units hosting pre-positioned cache support vans shall notify the NRCC when these resources have been committed to an incident.

ROSS Procedure: Cache Support Vans are currently considered a SUPPLY item and will not be placed via ROSS for 2008. Place orders for cache support vans on supply resource orders.

Pre-Positioned Cache Support Vans (NFES 82069)		
Controlling Unit	Number	Location
Grangeville Dispatch Center	1 Unit	Grangeville, ID
Miles City Dispatch Center	1 Unit	Miles City, MT
State of Montana Cache Vans		
100-Person Vans	Number	Location
	1 Unit	Billings, MT
	1 Unit	Helena, MT
	1 Unit	Miles City, MT

77.2 PARACARGO

Paracargo delivery is available for most items supplied by the Northern Rockies Cache. If aerial delivery is needed to an incident, allow 12-18 hours lead time as these orders require coordination among Aviation, Smokejumpers, and the Cache.

77.3 CACHE WEB SITE

www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrk

This web resource provides the latest information about Cache operations, Cache memos, Cache catalogs, vendors, policies and procedures.

77.4 CACHE REFURBISHMENT COSTS

See Appendix T for 2008 Cache Refurbishment Costs.

78 GUIDELINES FOR FIRE SOURCE OF SUPPLY PLAN

Each Dispatch Unit's Fire Mobilization Guide should include a source of supply plan that provides a ready reference to available sources for supplies, services, and equipment.

If procurement support needs exceed that which is available on a local unit, request assistance from other local agencies, from dispatch centers within your dispatch neighborhood, or place orders for specific support positions to the NRCC.

Upon request and if available, the Northern Rockies Cache can furnish personnel and vehicles for demobilization, back haul, and equipment refurbishment. Do not hold cache personnel and vehicles on an incident unless specifically authorized to do so.

78.1 FIRE CACHE INCIDENT ORDERING POLICY

The Northern Rockies Coordinating Group Board of Directors have approved the issuance of the Fire Cache Incident Ordering Policy. This policy authorizes Type 1 and Type 2 Incident Management Teams to submit requests for NFES cache items directly to the servicing cache in the Northern Rockies. This decision notice is posted on the NRCG web page:

www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/AboutNRCG/2001_decisions.htm

78.2 INTERAGENCY CACHE SUPPLIES TRANSFER BETWEEN INCIDENTS

The Northern Rockies Coordinating Group Board of Directors have approved the issuance of the Interagency Cache Supplies Transfer Policy. This policy permits the transfer of cache supplies between incidents under specified conditions. This decision notice is posted on the NRCG web page:

www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/AboutNRCG/2001_decisions.htm

Reference Chapter 28.29, for Supply Resource Order Transfer form.

79 SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT

79.1 FIRELINE EXPLOSIVES (FLE)

Fireline explosives, Electric Bridge Wire (EBW) or Non-electric (Non-EL) detonators and firing sets are available from the Missoula smokejumpers and locally on some Forests. The explosives may be ordered with a qualified blasting team (minimum of two licensed blasters). Fireline explosives may also be ordered without a blasting team if a licensed blaster receives them. Fireline explosives may be ordered with or without detonators and/or firing sets. If a licensed blaster is on scene at a drop zone to receive them, fireline explosives can be airdropped with or without smokejumpers. Fireline blasting teams with explosives, detonators and firing sets are available from the Missoula and West Yellowstone Smokejumper Bases.

Utilize explosives that have already been purchased prior to ordering from private vendors.

If fireline explosives are ordered for a multi-division incident, a fireline blaster advisor (FLEA) should be ordered in addition to the blasting team.

A list of licensed blasters (including blaster advisor, blaster-in-charge, and blasting-crew member) is available through the NRCC.

Ordering Procedures: Orders for FLE will be placed through normal dispatch channels in the following manner:

- A. Place an overhead order for the blasting team members. Normally a blasting team consists of 4 members:

2 ea. Fireline Explosives Blaster (FLEB)
2 ea. Fireline Explosives Crewmember (FLEC)

As a minimum, 1 FLEB and 1 FLEC must be ordered.

- B. FLE and EBW detonators and blasting kits are ordered on a supply resource order to Smokejumper Operations. When ordering FLE, specify the amount needed in feet and order one EBW detonator per 300 feet of FLE. Specify the method of delivery, i.e. air or ground transportation.

If the ordering office is unfamiliar with FLE, it may be helpful to contact the FLEB to discuss supply orders. Coordination of orders for FLE or assistance in locating the closest source of the product can be found by contacting Fireline Explosives Program Manager Dan Helterline-MSO Smokejumper (406) 329-4704, cell (406) 241-1467 or Dennis Davis-MTDC (406) 329-3929.

When local FLE has been depleted, you may need to order directly from the manufacturer.

The following products are approved:

ETI Firebreak II, (Watergel) 1¼ inch

Richard Miller
Watkins Explosive Co.
Kelso, WA
(360) 423-7220
(360) 423-0628 FAX

Fireline E, (Watergel) 1¼ inch

Richard Clayton
Fireline Resources
Salt Lake City, Utah
(801) 971-5203

Detagel Continuous Presplit, (Watergel) 1¼ inch

Chris Hyle
Intermountain West Energy
Butte, MT 59702
(406) 287-3229
(406) 287-3640 FAX

C. Transportation Requirements

Ground transportation: Forest Service employees transporting FLE must be carded as FLEC or higher and have a commercial driver's license with a hazardous materials endorsement. FLE may be transported to an incident at night. Only two people, including the driver, may ride in a vehicle hauling FLE. A route plan must be left with the sending unit dispatch office and the driver must be able to contact either the sending or receiving dispatch unit while enroute.

Private contractors or individuals may transport FLE if they meet all DOT regulations.

Air Transportation: FLE may be transported by air. Airport authorities must give **prior approval** for any takeoff or landing of an aircraft transporting FLE. See Form 28.24, Chapter 20.

FLE can only be delivered to a person carded as a FLEC or higher.

79.2 HELITORCH

All helitorches will be dispatched with an approved operations crew (module).

Helitorches shall be inspected annually for operation and compliance with national standards.

As a minimum, helitorch modules will include:

- A. Helitorch with batching (mixing) system
- B. Thickening agent for 500 gallons of fuel
- C. Certified Helitorch endorsed Helibase Manager
- D. Mixmaster
- E. Certified helitorch parking tender

Some modules also include a mixing assistant. Reference 65.2 for units who can provide trained helitorch modules. Order the helitorch on an equipment request. The sending unit will then fill the module members by using a support request. A helitorch may also be ordered on an aircraft helicopter request in the Special Needs block, if the contractor has a helitorch available. In this case, the module members would be ordered as a support request to the helicopter order.

ROSS Procedure: Resource requests for helitorches are ordered as miscellaneous equipment, Helitorch. Resource status keeping for helitorches is not required in the Northern Rockies. Helitorches may be Filled by Agreement or, if availability status is kept in your center, filled from an available resource item. Support orders for Helitorch modules may be created in ROSS in support of either an equipment or aircraft order.

79.3 INFRARED SCANNERS

Several types of infrared scanners are available in the Northern Rockies Area. **This equipment should be ordered with an operator.** Transportation and use of pressurized cylinders of argon gas, used with the probe infrared unit, is acceptable in contract and Agency-owned passenger carrying aircraft if the cylinder is D.O.T. approved. The only cylinders, so approved, are stamped on the shoulder near the valve with the "D.O.T. 3AA 5000". Spare cylinders may also be carried in approved containers.

Other scanners, IR, and FLIR Units may be obtained from providers in the Northern Rockies, via a resource order to the NRCC, or through contracts with private vendors.

INFRARED SCANNING EQUIPMENT

Dispatch Center

Type of Equipment

- BDC Billings Zone Fire Cache**—2 Bullard IR units. 2 Palm IR units – dispatched w/operator only.
- BRC Bitterroot NF**--1 model 650 probeye with extra batteries and two field belt kits (24 hour power supply). 1 Palm IR unit - dispatched w/operator only.
- BZC Gallatin NF**--1 probeye Model 650 with one Firepower kit for recharging probeye batteries. 1 backpack argon bottle (75 hour) and 6 (4 hour) bottles. One argon boost pump (75-hour bottle and six 4-hour bottles). Can only fill bottles if they are not totally empty. No purging capabilities. One field, belt kit power supply (24 hour power supply). 2 Palm IR units - dispatched w/operator only.
Yellowstone NP--1 probeye Model 650 with 24-hr battery pack and 7 bottles.
- CDC Idaho Panhandle NF**-- 7 Palm IR units - dispatched w/ operator only.
- DDC Beaverhead/Deer Lodge NF**--1Palm IR unit - dispatched w/ operator only.
- GDC Lewis & Clark NF**--1 probeye Model 650 with extra batteries and nine extra cylinders. Can refill cylinders on Forest (Harlowtown). 2 Handheld IR cameras - dispatched w/operator only.
- GVC Clearwater NF**--2 Palm IR units - dispatched w/ operator only.
- HDC Helena NF**--1 Hughes Model 650 probeye, complete with kit, accessories, and operator. One 50-hour backpack cylinder to fit the Model 650.
- KDC Kootenai NF**--3 Palm IR units - dispatched w/operator only.
- LEC Lewistown Cache**--2 Palm IR units – dispatched w/operator only.
- MDC Lolo NF**--4 probeyes (electric). 2 Palm IR units - dispatched w/operator only.

ROSS Procedure: Resource requests for infrared scanning devices are ordered as a specific item under miscellaneous equipment. Resource status keeping for IR equipment is not required in the Northern Rockies. IR equipment may be Filled by Agreement or, if availability status is kept in your center, filled from an available resource item.

79.4 PORTABLE/MOBILE RETARDANT MIXING BASES

Portable retardant bases are suitable for helicopter use at close proximity to the fire or at an airport that does not have an airtanker base. Delivery time is normally 24 hours.

Portable units are available through the National Retardant Contract and are ordered directly from one of the three companies currently under EERA contract. Reference the 2008 National Long-term Fire Retardant Requirement Contract-Pink Book at <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/contracting/retardant>. Order the appropriate retardant base and type of retardant depending on need—air tanker or helicopter. If the need is for helicopter operations, determine if a bucket or fixed tank will be used and order the appropriate qualified/approved chemical. Check with Aircraft personnel for the type of product generally used in your area.

Note: Due to corrosion problems, only certain products are approved. Check for approved wildland retardants on the qualified products source list. Products are limited for fixed tank helicopters. Questions regarding qualified and approved retardant types may be directed to Les Holsapple 406-829-6761, Cecilia Johnson 406-329-4819 or Shirley Zylstra 406-329-4859.

ROSS Procedure: Resource requests for portable retardant plants are ordered via ROSS as Equipment; Retardant Plant, Portable. Portable retardant plants are not typically entered into ROSS as resource items. When ordering directly from the National vendors, use Filled by Agreement utilizing the current National contract.

79.5 FIELD FIRST AID STATION (NFES 1835)

The 500-Person Field First-aid Station is available for large incidents where medical support is not readily available.

Order only for incidents of 300 or more personnel.

The full-text ordering policy is published on the Northern Rockies Cache web site at www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrk/policies.htm. Highlights of the policy are:

- One or more of the following must be assigned to the incident
 - Current Incident Medical Specialist Manager
 - Qualified Medical Unit Leader
 - Licensed medical care provider
- The assignee shall serve as the Kit Manager and shall place the order for the Kit.
- The order will list the name and qualification of the assignee.
- The qualification will be verified prior to passing the order to the Cache. Northern Rockies Cache will verify the qualification if the incident orders directly to it. Dispatch Centers will verify qualification for orders to Billings and Coeur d'Alene.
- Delivery will require a signed receipt.
- The Kit Manager is held accountable for the Kit contents until released.

- If the assignee is released, the Kit will be *transferred* to the qualified replacement assignee. Documentation of the transfer will be forwarded to the issuing Cache.
- The Kit will be released and returned to the issuing Cache immediately upon release of qualified personnel.
- When released, the Kit will be released and returned as a whole unit.

Refer to Chapter 65.1 for additional information.

ROSS Procedure: Field First Aid Stations are currently considered a SUPPLY item and will not be placed via ROSS for 2008. Place orders on supply resource order paperwork.

79.6 POTABLE WATER TRUCKS

Orders for potable water trucks will be placed through normal dispatch channels, starting with the dispatch center nearest the incident. The dispatch center will give priority to the Best Value equipment under agreement using the priority ranking for their dispatch zone. If the Best Value resources within your zone are depleted, place the order with a neighboring dispatch center for fill from their priority list. The government intends to dispatch based on this priority ranking unless initial attack circumstances or tribal preference policies within reservation jurisdiction rules specify otherwise. After Best Value potable water resources become depleted or are reported as unavailable, EERA resources can be pursued.

ROSS Procedure: Resource requests for Potable Water are ordered as a Tender, Potable Water. Resource status keeping for potable water trucks is required for Best Value agreement equipment in the Northern Rockies. Potable water trucks will be filled from an available resource item. If filling the order with equipment under an EERA, it may be filled by agreement.

79.7 WATER TRUCKS

A water truck is intended for use in the following operations: dust abatement, water transfer and hauling. This includes the filling of portatanks. Water trucks will not be used in direct support of suppression activities. Best Value agreement Water Tenders meet the need of water truck, as do most cooperator or agency resources. Order first from agency or local cooperators, then from the Best Value priority list. If none are available, orders for water trucks may be filled with a water truck with a current Emergency Equipment Rental Agreement. Type is described in the Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook, Chapter 20, Acquisition.

ROSS Procedure: Resource status keeping for water trucks is not required in the Northern Rockies. Water trucks may be Filled by Agreement or, if availability status is kept in your center, filled from an available resource item. ROSS also allows ordering of dust abatement or other services involving water trucks.

79.8 WATER HANDLING HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Water handling heavy equipment includes skidgines, soft tracks, super skidgines and pumper cats. All four types are on Best Value agreements utilizing the priority list.

Skidgines are vehicles capable of moving across very rugged terrain. These are typically rubber tired logging skidders with a relatively small capacity water tank and pump installed. Skidgines are used in the same manner as a fire engine to deliver water to the fire line.

Orders/dispatches for water handling heavy equipment will be placed through normal dispatch channels with dispatch priority given to Best Value equipment over EERAs. The Best Value agreement requires contractors to provide transport of the heavy equipment during mobilization and demobilization. If the incident wants to keep the lowboy on scene, an incident specific EERA must be completed. Order water handling heavy equipment by type as described in the Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook, Chapter 20, Acquisition.

ROSS Procedure: Resource status keeping for water handling heavy equipment is required in the Northern Rockies. If a soft track or super skidgine is needed, specify the resource in the special needs of the skidgine order. Pumper Cats are ordered through the ROSS catalog.

79.9 DOZERS

Orders for dozers will be by type as described in the Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook, Chapter 20, Acquisition.

ROSS Procedure: Resource status keeping for dozers is not required in the Northern Rockies. Dozers may be Filled by Agreement or, if availability status is kept in your center, filled from an available resource item.

79.10 BUSES

Bus orders will be filled by dispatch centers based on bus availability, location and cost utilizing the Best Value source list. This list is used by centers to best meet their needs and is not based on priority. Centers may call a listed vendor and order any bus. If a resource is utilized from a neighboring center, a courtesy call to that center would be appropriate. Best Value busses include crew carrier, coaches, school busses and shuttle busses. Buses may be ordered for long distance transportation or for local crew transport. If the journey to an assignment will exceed 8 hours, utilize a coach type bus for crew transport. However, coach type busses may not be suitable for use in transporting crews to their incident assignment or for use on the incident. If coaches are used, the ordering office must make arrangements to supply crew transport busses for local use to the incident assignment.

ROSS Procedure: Resource status keeping for busses is not required in the Northern Rockies. Buses may be Filled by Agreement or, if availability status is kept in your center, filled from an available resource item. When ordered with a

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crew, the filling unit adds the support request (E) for the bus, and chooses if the sending or receiving unit will have ROSS control of the bus, Give some thought to which dispatch center will need control of this resource. Dispatch control of a coach or other bus which will be returning after a crew delivery should be kept by the filling dispatch center. Dispatch control of a bus which will be remaining with the crew should be passed on to the receiving dispatch center.

79.11 MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

Listed below is available specialized equipment:

Type of Equipment	Dispatch Center
Terra Torch	CDC, GVC MCC, MDC 1 ea per Center
Plastic Sphere Dispenser	BRC, BZC, CDC-3ea, GVC-4ea, KIC, GDC, KDC, LEC, MCC-2ea, MDC
Longline remote hook	BRC, BZC, KIC
Helitorches	CDC-6ea , GDC, GVC, HDC-2ea, KIC, LEC-2ea, MDC
Seeder bucket	KDC, MDC

RAWS - Portable remote automatic weather stations may be ordered for incident support. Five units are available within the Northern Rockies:

Dispatch Center	Unit
BZC	Gallatin NF – 2 ea
GVC	Clearwater NF – 2 ea
MDC	Lolo NF - 1 ea

A programmer or RAWS technician must also be ordered to bring the RAWS station on line. Personnel available are:

Dispatch Center	Unit
BZC	Jim Hansen - GNF Greg Juvan - GNF
KIC	Carol Beinhold - FNF
GDC	Kyle Inabnit – LCF Kip Colby - LCF
MDC	Denny Simmerman-INT Larry Bradshaw-INT

79.12 ROSS AVAILABILITY STATUS

Availability Status posting in ROSS is required for all Engine, Water Tender, Potable Water Tenders, and Skidgine, Pumpercat, Super Skidgine and Soft Track resources. Zone dispatch centers may also, at their discretion, post status for other equipment resources.

79.13 BEST VALUE AGREEMENT EQUIPMENT

Best Value agreement equipment is dispatched based on a priority list by zone dispatch or region. Dispatch procedures for each type of equipment/supply are different. Below is a list of equipment/supply currently under Best Value agreement for 2008.

Engines Type 3, 4, 5, 6	Busses
Water Tender Type 1, 2, 3	Type 3 Caterers
Skidgines	Communication Trailers
Super Skidgines	GIS Units
Soft Tracks	Handwashing Stations
Pumper Cats	Mobile Laundry
Potable Water tenders	Clerical Support Offices
Faller Modules	Portable toilets
Rental Vehicles	Sack Lunch
Tents/Canopies/Yurts	Gray Water trucks
Service/Shop trucks	Refrigeration Trucks/Trailers

Links to the solicitations and priority lists for the above equipment/supply are posted as awarded at the following website:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/agree-contract/solicitations.html>

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