

CHAPTER 30

CREWS

Crews will be ordered by a standard type. Three (3) types exist for National or interagency assignments. They are; Type 1, Type 2, and Type 2 with IA (initial attack) capability.

NIFC Forest Service has contracted nationally for T-2IA Crews (National Contract Resources, or NCR). National Contract Resources (NCR) are hosted by local units (Host Unit Coordination Centers, or HUCC) which are contractually required to utilize dispatch priorities when mobilizing crews, as outlined in section C.7 of the National Type-2IA Firefighter Crew Contract. See the following web-site for further details:

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

Crews

GPC dispatches for a Type 1 crew, Type 2IA crews, Type 2 crews, Camp crews and Saw crews. These resources will be statused accordingly in ROSS. See NMG page 60 and RMG Page 89

ALL Crews including camp crews will be rostered in ROSS whenever they are sent out of the GPC zone.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs as well as the Box Elder and Pine Ridge Job Corp may have camp crews available for assignments. Native American Crews will be available through the Cheyenne River Agency, Lower Brule Agency, Pine Ridge Agency, Rosebud Agency, Sisseton Agency, Standing Rock Agency and Winnebago Agency. Whenever BIA Crews (Type 2) are dispatched outside of the Rocky Mountain Area, one crew representative will accompany two crews. If within the Rocky Mountain Area, a crew representative will be a negotiated decision. It is the agencies responsibility to find a crew representative.

The South Dakota state fire crews are the Black Hats and the Bear Mountain crews and are full time organized crews. The South Dakota Department of Corrections Inmate crews are available only in the state of South Dakota unless approved by the Governor.

NOTE: Units are required to submit a Passenger and Cargo Manifest form to GPC when a crew has been assigned to an incident.

The Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp or Department of Correction may have up to 5 Type 2 crews. The Smokebusters are dispatched through the Casper Interagency Coordination Center (CPC) in Casper, WY. To order these crews for incidents within Crook and Weston counties in the Great Plains Zone and within the Black Hills Forest Fire Protection District in SD, contact GPC.

Type 1 Interagency Hotshot Crews

For a complete list of all Type 1 Interagency Hotshot Crews, refer to the following web site: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/people/hotshots/IHC_index.html

Tatanka IHC

Crew is located south of Custer, SD and is available May thru October.

Contact: GPC Office: (605) 399-3160 Fax: (605) 343-5075

Brandon Hess – Superintendent – 605-673-5965

Refer to RMG page 90 for RMA Crew Listings by state

Minimum Crew Standards for National Mobilization

For a detailed description of minimum crew standards see Interagency Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations, Chapter 13, Firefighter Training and Qualifications at:

<http://www.nifc.gov/PUBLICATIONS/redbook/2013/Chapter13.pdf>

Or

Wildland Fire and Aviation Program Management and Operations Guide, Chapter 7, Crews

<http://www.bia.gov/cs/groups/xnifc/documents/text/idc013067.pdf>

Type 1 Crews:

Crews that meet minimum standards identified within the Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide, PMS 210, April, 2013,

<http://www.nwccg.gov/pms/pubs/pms210.pdf>. Interagency Hotshot Crews (IHC) are a Type 1 Crew that exceeds the Type 1 Standards as required by the National IHC Operations Guide (revised 2011). Interagency Hotshot Crews require appropriate Federal or State agency sponsorship and a recommendation by their respective Geographic Area Coordinating Group for inclusion into the National Interagency Mobilization Guide. NICC will maintain availability status of Type 1 Crews, but will not recognize internal Geographic Area rotations of these crews.

Type 1 Crews attempting to transport chain saws on other than NIFC contract jets should be prepared to ship their chain saws via an alternative method should loading be refused.

Type 1 Crews normally come equipped with hand tools. There may be occasions when Type 1 Crews transported by air do not arrive with hand tools. If tools are needed, they should be ordered separately as supply items.

When Type 1 Crews are transported by aircraft, the receiving unit should be prepared to provide the following:

- Crew transportation
- Vehicle to transport saws, fuel, and hand tools separate from crew transportation
- Fire equipment (minimum two (2) cases of fuses)
- Chain saws (four (4) kits)
- Saw fuel (ten (10) gallons, unmixed)
- Bar oil (five (5) gallons).

Type 1 Crew Rotation

The RMA will continue to implement an out-of-area rotation for RMA Type 1 (IHC) crews. Current guidelines are posted on the RMC web page under Crews. <http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/logistics/crews>

Type 2 and Type 2 IA Crews:

Crews that meet minimum standards identified within Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide, PMS 210, April, 2013, <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/pubs/pms210.pdf>. Type 2 Crews will be ordered as Type 2 or Type 2 IA. In addition to the Type 2 minimum standards, Type 2 IA Crews can be broken up into squads and have three (3) qualified sawyers.

Type 2 and Type 2IA Crews ordered through NICC DO NOT come with chain saws or hand tools when transported by air. If chain saws or hand tools are needed, they should be ordered separately as supply items.

Units sending Type 2 and Type 2 IA Crews will determine the ratio of crews to Crew Representatives (CREP) needed for a given assignment. Depending on the assignment, ratios of 1:1 to 1:4 may be appropriate. These responsibilities can be met by an Interagency Resource Representative (IARR) as well. A CREP assigned to Type 2 or Type 2 IA Crew will remain with the crew from the initial dispatch until the crew is released to home unit. CREPs are not required for agency regular crews.

Standard crew size is twenty (20) people maximum and eighteen (18) people minimum (including Crew Boss, Crew Representative, and trainees).

All equipment will be inspected and weighed at time of mobilization to ensure adherence to safe transportation procedures.

All crew personnel mobilized and demobilized outside the local unit through NICC will be identified on a crew manifest form. Crew supervisors will maintain a minimum of four (4) accurate copies of this form at all times. Crew weights will be manifested separate from personal gear and equipment weights. The crew supervisor or CREP will ensure compliance with weight limitations. (See **Chapter 10** for standard weight and gear policy)

Anytime a Geographic Area or State has committed four (4) or more crews, an Interagency Resource Representative (IARR) can be sent by the sending unit or the receiving unit can request them. For each IARR sent, it is the responsibility of the sending GACC to mobilize, demobilize, and ensure proper notification is made to the receiving GACC. An IARR mobilized to incident assignments away from their home unit should have the ability to be fiscally self-sufficient. If the IARR is not self-sufficient, the receiving unit must be notified in advance so they can be prepared to support them.

GPC Area Crews

Ordering Considerations for Crews Items to note in Special Needs (ROSS): Refer to RMG page 89 and 92

Great Plains Regulars, Interagency Crew

Twenty-person T2 or T2IA crews can be made up of Forest Service, State, Fish and Wildlife, National Park Service and other Cooperators.

Contact: Dispatch will be informed when a crew is available. A CRWB / CRWB-T will be responsible for filling a crew and letting Dispatch know about the crews availability and manifest, so they can be rostered.

Black Hills Crews

Twenty-person crews made up of US Forest Service members.

Contact: Dispatch will be informed when a crew is available. An FMO or other designated person will be responsible for filling a crew and letting Dispatch know about the crews availability and manifest, so they can be rostered.

Job Corp Centers

Job Corp Centers are part of the Department of Agriculture. Box Elder Job Corp is located near Nemo, SD and Pine Ridge Job Corp is located near Chadron, NE.

Box Elder Job Corp Center

One 20 person T-2IA crew and two 10 person camp crews.

Crews can be in Rapid City within 2 hours of call.

Jet Port – RAP

Contacts: Robert Cota – Crew Supervisor

Alternate or 24 hour number to be used only after all other numbers are called:
(605) 348-3800

Pine Ridge Job Corp Center – Soldier Creek

Two 10 person camp crews with transportation are available for dispatch. Nebraska National Forest works with Pine Ridge JCC to fill hand crews, either T2 or T2IA, as needed. Crews are generally dispatched with lunches and transportation, unless otherwise specified.

Crews can be in Rapid City, SD within 3 hours of call.

Jet Port – CRD or RAP

Contacts: Dalynn Parks – Crew Supervisor

Brian Kizer – Principal

John Cattin – Teacher

Call the main Job Corp line (308) 432 – 3316, available 24 hours, if unable to reach above personnel

Native American Crews

Cheyenne River Agency (SD-CRA)

Two crews are available for dispatch, plus two camp crews.

Jet Port – RAP

Fire Shop: (605) 964-2112 Shop Fax: (605) 964-1041

Contacts: Anthony Kennedy – FMO

Amos Isburg-Natural Resources Officer

Lower Brule Agency (SD-LBA)

Two crews are available for dispatch, plus a camp crew.

Jet Port – RAP, or PIR

Fire Shop: (605) 473-0405 Shop Fax: (605) 473-0720

Contacts: Acting FMO

Vacant – Wildland Fire Control Tech

Pine Ridge Agency (SD-PRA)

One crew is available for dispatch.

Jet Port – RAP or PIR

Fire Shop: (605) 867-5768 Office Fax: (605) 867-5052

Contacts: Vacant – Wildland Fire Program Manager

Tamara Randall – Fuels Management Specialist & Acting Supervisory Forestry Technician

Vacant – Wildland Fire Operations Specialist

Rosebud Agency (SD-RBA)

Two crews are available for dispatch.

Jet Port – RAP or PIR

Fire Office: (605) 747-2700 Office Fax: (605) 747-4316

Contacts: Raymond Hart – FMO

Standing Rock Agency (ND-SRA)

Two crews are available for dispatch.

Jet Port – BIS or RAP

Fire Shop: (701) 854-7454 Office Fax: (701) 854-4745

Contacts: – FMO

Terry Hodgkiss – AFMO

Jeff Casey – Fuels Specialist

Winnebago Agency (NE-WIA)

Two crews are available for dispatch.

Jet Port – OMA

Fire Office: (402) 878-2424 Office Fax: (402) 878-2943

Contacts: Vacant – FMO

Andrew Baker – Natural Resource Officer

National Parks Service Crews

Crews are available on an intermittent basis, depending on local fire danger and workload.

Jet Port – RAP

Contact: Angie Nellen – Wind Cave Park

South Dakota State Crews

South Dakota State Division of Wildland Fire hosts two organized Type 2IA hand crews, the Black Hats and the Bear Mountain Crews. In addition, the Department of Corrections has two-to-four Type 2 hand crews available

SD Division of Wildland Fire Black Hats

The Black Hats Crew is based in Rapid City, SD.

Jet Port – RAP

Contact: Chris Blair – Crew Supervisor

Mark Menning – Crew Boss

The Crew Boss will page the crew and the crew will respond directly to their duty station. The Black Hat crew members all have pagers. They do not take their pagers to the field with them, but will have the pagers with them before and after their duty day.

SD Division of Wildland Fire Bear Mountain

The Bear Mountain Crew is based in Rapid City, SD.

Jet Port – RAP

Contact: Chris Blair – Crew Supervisor

Donald Henry – Crew Boss

The Crew Boss will page the crew and the crew will respond directly to their duty station. The Bear Mountain crew members all have pagers. They do not take their pagers to the field with them, but will have the pagers with them before and after their duty day.

South Dakota Department of Corrections (DOC)

Four 20-person hand crews are available, in state only unless approved by the Governor. One DOC crew is located in Rapid City, SD and up to three crews are located in Springfield, SD. Confirm with Incident Command Authority that Inmate crews are acceptable prior to ordering. Also be advised that “Overhead Personnel” may be needed for these crews.

DOC Rapid City

Rapid City Contact: Unit Manager Vacant –
Control Room 605-394-5294

DOC Springfield

Springfield Contact: Control Room

Wyoming DOC Crews

To order Smokebusters contact GPC.

