

## EASTERN AREA AVIATION ASSET RESOURCE ORDERING PROTOCOL

Regional and State level Fire Managers\* should contact the Eastern Area Coordination Center - Center Manager or the Deputy to discuss Agency specific concerns regarding fire danger indices and activity and the need for the mobilization of Nationally Managed Aviation Assets into the Eastern Area and/or to discuss the repositioning of Nationally Managed Aviation Assets already present within the Area. This protocol shall remain in effect until which time the Geographic Area MAC Group has convened at which time they will assume the responsibilities. (*\*Agencies need to internally define who has the authority to discuss National Aviation Asset Management with the Geographic Area. Suggested FMO/Directors and Assistants/Regional Operations.*)

Local Unit Fire Managers and Zone Forest Aviation Officers should work with their Regional or State level Fire Managers regarding fire danger indices and activity and the need for supplemental aviation resources in the local dispatch zone prior to placing resource requests for Nationally Managed Aviation Assets through their 3<sup>rd</sup> Tier Dispatch Centers to the Geographic Area.

### **NATIONALLY MANAGED AVIATION RESOURCES - EASTERN AREA COORDINATION CENTER**

#### **Nationally Managed Assets are:**

- VLATS, T1-T2 LATS, T3 Scoopers
- T1 and T2 Helicopters
- Aerial Supervision Modules (ASM) and Lead Planes

It is recommended that all Nationally Managed Aviation Assets be mobilized into the Eastern Area on a Geographic Area Preposition request. (This excludes T1 and T2 Helicopters that are being requested as a dedicated resource for a specific incident.)

EACC will work with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tier Dispatch Center with responsibility for dispatching within the zone in which the resource will be assigned to generate a preposition request for that asset.

Once the resource has arrived on base EACC will fill the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tier request and cede operational control of the resource to the local center. It is understood that the Geographic Area maintains overall command and control over the asset while it is managed for Initial Attack dispatch locally.

Specifics regarding dispatching requirements for these resources may be found in Chapter 50 of the Eastern Area Mobilization Guide.

### **TYPE 3 HELICOPTERS/TYPE 4 AIRTANKERS/FIXED WING RECON/FIXED WING TACTICAL RESOURCES - EASTERN AREA COORDINATION CENTER**

These Aviation Assets will be mobilized into and/or reassigned within the Eastern Area on local 3<sup>rd</sup> Tier Dispatch Center Agency specific Preposition or Incident specific requests.

EACC will process requests for these resources from 3<sup>rd</sup> Tier Dispatch Centers without delay. (*This assumes any local and/or Regional Agency and/or Interagency specific dialogue regarding this request has occurred prior to the request being received by EACC.*)

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