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CREW STANDARDS FOR NATIONAL MOBILIZATION

Crews will be ordered by a standard type, Type 1, Type 2 or Type 2 Initial Attack (IA).

All sending dispatch centers within the Great Basin shall provide a roster in IROC or be able to forward a crew manifest via electronic means for all types of crews, Type 1, Type 2, or Type 2IA.

For a detailed description of minimum crew standards See [*Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations \(NFES 2724\)*](#)

TYPE 1 INTERAGENCY HOTSHOT CREWS (IHC)

See [*National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization*](#)

Great Basin Type 1 IHC

The GBCC will implement an out-of-area rotation for the 12 Great Basin Type 1 crews. Current guidelines are posted on the [*Crews*](#) webpage of the GBCC website.

Type 1 crews will be notified if they are being held within the Great Basin due to drawdown levels (See Chapter 10) and/or due to GBCG or GBMAC support decisions.

The procedures in the [*Standards for Interagency Hotshot Crew Operations*](#) regarding crew training will be utilized.

Type 1 Interagency Hotshot Crews	
Idaho	Host Dispatch Center
Boise	Boise Interagency Dispatch Center
Idaho City	Boise Interagency Dispatch Center
Snake River	Eastern Idaho Interagency Fire Center
Sawtooth	South Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center
Nevada	
Ruby Mountain	Elko Interagency Dispatch Center
Black Mountain	Sierra Front Interagency Dispatch Center
Silver State	Sierra Front Interagency Dispatch Center
Utah	
Cedar City	Color Country Interagency Fire Center
Alta	Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center
Bonneville	Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center
Logan	Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center
Lone Peak	Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center

Interagency Hotshot Crews as T2IA, T2 or Suppression Modules

When Interagency Hotshot Crews fall below the level identified in the [*Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations \(NFES 2724\)*](#) they may still be dispatched as a T2IA, T2 Crew or Suppression Module provided they meet the standards for the lesser qualification. The active crew qualification in IROC should

reflect the standard (T1, T2IA or T2) the crew meets. Do not create a new crew resource item with the other qualification(s), update the active qualification appropriately. When an IHC falls below the crew standards, an Overhead Group - Suppression Module resource item should be created in IROC.

If going out as a Suppression Module, an Overhead Group – Suppression Module resource item should be created in IROC. See [*National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization*](#)

TYPE 2 AND TYPE 2IA CREWS

Crews will be ordered as Type 2 or Type 2 IA. Standard crew size is twenty (20) people maximum and eighteen (18) people minimum (including Crew Boss and trainees). 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 2 IA Crews may or may not come equipped with hand tools and chain saws. Crews attempting to transport chain saws on a commercial airline or other than the NIFC contract jets should be prepared to ship their chain saws via an alternative method should loading be refused.

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

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.

All crew personnel mobilized and demobilized outside the local unit through NICC will be identified on a crew manifest form. Crew weights will be manifested separate from personal gear and equipment weights. The crew supervisor or CREP will ensure compliance with weight limitations.

Prior to assignment, it is the responsibility of the host/home unit to ensure that T2IA and T2 crews meet the minimum crew standards for national mobilization that is outlined in the [*Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations \(NFES 2724\)*](#), chapter 13.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE CONTRACT CREWS

Type 2 contract crews and Type 2 Initial Attack contract crews must be ordered to a specific reporting location, identified by a physical address such as a designated incident, forest or district office, or other government-specified location.

Type 2IA Crews

NIFC Forest Service has contracted nationally for T-2IA Crews (National Contract Resources (NCR)). National Contract Resources are hosted by local units (Host Unit Coordination Centers (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.

The contractor shall provide properly trained crews, consisting of 20 people. The crews are always required to

have 20 crew members. However, the Government may allow the contractor to operate with no less than 18 crew members (see Section C.29.1 (b)).

Minimum Crew Requirements for Type 2-IA Mobilization.

See [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#) or Table D.2 in the Type 2IA crew contract.

Copies of the generic Type 2IA crew contract are available at the [USFS Procurement & Property Services](#) website.

Type 2 Crews

The U.S. Forest Service has contracted nationally for Type 2 Crews. NICC is the sole provider for USFS Contracted Type 2 crews. NICC assigns Type 2 Crews based on the best value determination calculated at the time NICC receives the order.

The contractor shall provide properly trained crews, consisting of 20 people. The crews are always required to have 20 crew members. However, the Government may allow the contractor to operate with no less than 18 crew members (see Section C.25.1 (b)).

Minimum Crew Requirements for Type 2 Mobilization

See [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#) or Table D.2 in the Type 2IA crew contract.

Copies of a generic Type 2IA crew contract are available at the [USFS Procurement & Property Services](#) website.

Great Basin Type 2 IA Crews	
Idaho	
Boise Regulars Crew 3, 5	Boise Interagency Dispatch Center
PatRick Environmental NCC 3A*	Boise Interagency Dispatch Center
PatRick Environmental NCC 3B*	Boise Interagency Dispatch Center
Payette Regulars	Payette Dispatch Center
Central Idaho 2	Central Idaho Interagency Fire Center
Targhee Regulars - TRC	Eastern Idaho Interagency Fire Center
Shoban #1	Eastern Idaho Interagency Fire Center
Centennial	Eastern Idaho Interagency Fire Center
Miller Timber Services, Inc. NCC 4*	Eastern Idaho Interagency Fire Center
Southern Idaho Interagency	South Idaho Dispatch Center
Nevada	
BIA Sho-Pai 1	Elko Interagency Dispatch Center
BIA Eastern Nevada 1 - ENA	Elko Interagency Dispatch Center
BLM Vegas Valley Handcrew	Las Vegas Interagency Communication Center
Southern Nevada Interagency Handcrew	Las Vegas Interagency Communication Center
Zephyr	Sierra Front Interagency Dispatch Center
Shoreline	Sierra Front Interagency Dispatch Center
Sierra Front Regulars	Sierra Front Interagency Dispatch Center
Slide Mountain Handcrew	Sierra Front Interagency Dispatch Center
Utah	
Color Country	Color Country Interagency Dispatch Center

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Dromedary Peak	Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center
Fishlake Regulars	Richfield Interagency Fire Center
Red Rock Regulars	Moab Interagency Fire Center
Northern Utah Regulars	Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center
Salt Lake 1 – Unified Fire Authority*	Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center
Southern Paiute Agency	Color Country Interagency Dispatch Center
Twin Peaks	Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center
Utah County 2	Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center
Weber Basin	Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center
Uintah Basin Regulars	Uintah Basin Interagency Fire Center
Wyoming	
Teton Crew	Teton Interagency Dispatch Center
Great Basin Type 2 Crews	
Idaho	Host Dispatch Center
Shoban #1	Eastern Idaho Interagency Fire Center
Nevada	
BIA Sho-Pai 2	Elko Interagency Dispatch Center
BIA Eastern Nevada 2	Elko Interagency Dispatch Center
NLTX - Rifle Peak	Sierra Front Interagency Dispatch Center

INTERAGENCY RESOURCE REPRESENTATIVE (IARR)

Anytime a Geographic Area or State has committed four 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 be self-sufficient. See Chapter 20 Overhead for more information.

Great Basin IARR Support

GBCC in concurrence with the GBCG Chair may activate an IARR within or to another active GACC when four or more crews or wildland resources are assigned. The IARR supporting the Great Basin will be placed on the GACC support order and will report to GBCC for daily updates and support.

CAMP CREWS

Great Basin Camp Crews

Camp crews within Great Basin are located and managed by the dispatch centers indicated. Camp crews shall be ordered through normal dispatch channels using the designated Crew request in IROC.

Idaho

- Central Idaho Interagency Fire Center
- Eastern Idaho Interagency Fire Center

Nevada

- Elko Interagency Dispatch Center
- Sierra Front Interagency Dispatch Center

Utah

- Northern Utah Interagency Dispatch Center
- Richfield Interagency Fire Center
- Color Country Interagency Dispatch Center

Wyoming

- N/A

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS INMATE RESOURCES WITHIN THE GREAT BASIN

Department of Corrections (DOC) hand crews, camp crews, and kitchen crews fall under the jurisdiction of the respective state governors. The DOC inmate crews may be utilized by states within the Great Basin or outside of the geographic area. Movement of these crews, across state lines, may not be done without prior written approval from the receiving unit's authorized state representative. Written approval must be forwarded, via e-mail, to the sending unit's authorized state representative, who will forward a copy, via e-mail, to GBCC, before an out-of-state request will be filled with a DOC crew.

Notification of Receiving Unit

Once written approval is received by the sending unit's authorized state representative and forwarded to GBCC, the GBCC crew desk will notify the receiving GACC and/or dispatch center. These notifications must be made before a DOC resource can be mobilized across state boundaries. It is the responsibility of both the sending and receiving units' authorized state representatives to make other notifications to local, county and state entities, as jurisdictional requirements dictate.

The state of Utah does not accept DOC crews from out of state in any capacity.

Standard Naming Convention

All DOC resources must be identified by a standard naming convention to make their status as inmates clear to IMTs, dispatch and other fire management personnel. This will be accomplished by adding "DOC" for Department of Corrections to all crew and module names in the resource ordering system.

Supervision Ratio and Oversight

There must be eyes-on supervision of all inmate crew members, at all times. The supervisors may be Corrections Officers or agency personnel with clearly defined supervision responsibilities.

- Ratio for fire-line hand crews: 1 supervisor per 10 crew members
- Ratio for camp / kitchen crew: 1 supervisor per 5 crew members during work shift hours.
- There must be eyes-on supervision of all incident base inmate camp / Kitchen crew members or modules during work shift hours.

Visible / Identifiable Clothing

Camp crews and kitchen personnel must wear clothing that clearly identifies them as an inmate crew resource where their status is apparent from a distance of at least 50 feet. This can be accomplished with bright colored shirts, sweatshirts, or jacket; this standard may not be yellow or hidden by yellow Nomex or brush coats.