

# **Coeur d' Alene Student Briefing**

## **Overview**

Welcome to Coeur d' Alene Dispatch Center (CDC) that is in the Northern Rockies Geographic Area. The Northern Rockies Coordination Center is (NRCC) is in Missoula, MT.

## **Fire Reporting Procedures**

Smoke reports will come in through aviation resources, lookouts, ground patrol and public. Prompt response to these calls is expected. Notification of the duty officer should be made as soon as possible of confirmed fires.

## **Communications**

- Coeur d' Alene dispatch has three zones and three frequencies. These frequencies are identified by various colors for easy reference.
- Phone Use:
  - Always answer the phone with “Coeur d' Alene Dispatch” this is (Your Name)”
- Radio Use:
  - When answering the radio you will also answer as “Coeur d' Alene dispatch” as our call sign.
- Frequencies:
  - Green covers North Zone
  - Red covers East Zone
  - Blue covers South Zone

## **Fire Codes and Incident Numbering**

- Coeur d' Alene dispatch will use CAD for incident numbering and incident fire codes as applicable.

## **EMS and accident Reporting Procedures**

- All response to any emergency medical situations, accidents or an incident within an incident will be documented in the dispatch incident. The dispatcher should immediately report the incident to the Center Manager, Assistant Center Manager or Floor Lead. The county sheriffs office is responsible for all search and rescue operations. The appropriate county office will be notified in the event of an emergency medical situation that has been reported to Coeur d' Alene Dispatch. Dispatch will take as much information as they can about the type of accident, location and injured persons involved. This information should be relayed immediately.
- County Sheriffs Office:
  - Bonner County Sheriffs' Office
  - Boundary County Sheriffs' Office
  - Pend Oreille County Sheriffs' Office in Washington State

## **Idaho Fish and Game**

- Warden - Brian Miller Phone: 555-723-1234

## **Flight Following**

- The National Flight Following Frequency will be used when flights are transitioning through the dispatch area on agency flight plans. For aerial detection it is best to use the local frequencies. Dispatch will keep a timer and document information acquired from AFF (Automated flight following) for each aircraft they are flight following. If AFF is not functioning, the dispatcher will check in with aircraft via radio every 15 minutes. Reference the National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization for more general information on flight following.

## **Daily Weather**

- Daily Weather reports are retrieved from the internet in the morning at 0800 and in the evening at 1530. Use Spokane weather service. This information is posted and transmitted to the field via the radio at 1000 and again at 1600. Weather needs to be read over all zones. If you have incidents ensure that all incident commanders (IC) on an ongoing fires have copied your broadcast.

## **Red Flag Warnings**

- All fire weather watches, and red flag warnings will be immediately transmitted over the radio to the affected area. Dispatch must confirm with any ICs and document that the information has been received.

## **Spot Weather Forecasts**

- The spot forecast form should be filled out when a request comes in from the field. This will be entered into the internet site and follow up by a call to the Boise Weather Service. Once received, this must be transmitted back to the requesting party or IC.

## **Media Calls**

- Please refer all media calls to the Public Affairs Officer – Katie Couric. If an incident orders a team, they will come with their own Public Information Officer and all calls should be directed to the Incident Public Information Officer.

## **Local Cache**

- Each zone has a local cache that can fill most supply orders. In order to find out if the cache is able to fill a supply order you will need to contact the duty officer.

## **Current Situation**

Welcome to Coeur d' Alene Dispatch in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. Today is Monday August 18<sup>th</sup> and the clock on your computer is the right time.

- Coeur d' Alene (CDC) covers northern Idaho.
- Northern Rockies Coordination Center in Missoula, Montana is CDC's GACC.
- We are an interagency dispatch center and dispatch both federal and state wildland resources using the closest forces concept.
  - We have three counties in our dispatch area
    - Bonner County in Idaho
    - Boundary County in Idaho
    - Pend Oreille County in Washington
  - Canada borders our dispatch area to the north. We do have an agreement in place with Canada regarding wildland suppression. When there is an incident within one mile of the border, on either side, whoever discovers it may suppress it and then notify the appropriate entity.
- Neighboring dispatch centers:
  - Colville Dispatch Center is to the West of CDC and is located in the state of Washington.
  - Kootenai Dispatch is to the East of CDC and is located in the state of Montana.
- Mapping
  - It is important to note that we have converging meridians in and near our dispatch area. West to East our meridians are:
    - Willamette Meridian
    - Boise Meridian
    - Principal Meridian
  - Note: this can make mapping difficult if you do not have the correct meridian selected in WildCAD.

## **Today's morning brief**

- We currently have 4 fires that are all in patrol status. Weather has been hot and dry for over a month with no relief expected. We did get some dry lightning strikes overnight and have a recon of the forest scheduled to take place this morning. Recon 19Kilo will be assigned to the recon mission and will be taking off from Coeur d' Alene airport.
- Reminder that this is a mountainous area, and we have an active timer program. The Timber crew is expected to be out today. They should be checking in with us on the radio and keeping in contact on their movements.
- 4 lookouts will be staffed today. Hudge Ridge, Indian Mountain, Lookout Mountain and Middle Sister. Sundance lookout is on a day off and will not be staffed.

- When we get a smoke report, we will call the duty officer and ask which resources they want to send. Once the Duty Officer has provided the resources they want to send the dispatcher will then tone out the smoke report with the committed resources. Resources should acknowledge they have heard the response and are enroute.

## **Resources:**

### **Fire Management / Duty Officers**

- FMO – Clyde Johnson – North Zone (Green)
- FMO – Tim McGraw – East Zone (Red)
- FMO – Sara Evans – South Zone (Blue)

### **Aerial Resources**

Coeur d'Alene dispatch has a set recon route when all three zones ask for recon. However, the aircraft may be requested to deviate at any time during the flight to check out a smoke report. Upon discovery of a new fire the aerial observer will provide the initial size -up and then continue to recon the area.

The following aircraft are carded and available for use in aerial detection. They are located at Coeur d'Alene Airport (COE).

- Recon 19Kilo – Cessna 182

### **Ground Resources**

- Engines
  - E-6411- (Type 4) Engine Boss AJ Herrera ICT \_\_\_\_ +2 crewmembers. Stationed at Station 7 on the North Zone (Green)
  - E-6421 – East Zone (Red) Hal Phillips
  - E-6431 – South Zone (Blue) Fran Rowe
  - E-611 – North Zone (Green) Rebecca Taylor
  - E-621 – East Zone (Red) Logan Wolf
  - E-623 – South Zone (Blue) Trace Lopez
- Modules
  - Mod 11 - North Zone (Green) Shane Dunn
  - Mod 21 - East Zone (Red) Joe Cruz
  - Mod 31 – South Zone (Blue) Mike Hunt
- Patrols
  - Patrol 11 - North Zone (Green) Gary Davis
  - Patrol 21 - East Zone (Red) Keith Lee
  - Patrol 31 - South Zone (Blue) Wendy Wagner
- Crews
  - Sandpoint Regulars Crew – Type 2 IA – Sam Iam +19
  - IHC Helena (MT – MDC) – Visting resource
  - Timber Crew – Travis Magee ICT3 +5
- Equipment
  - Dozer 321 – Operator John Adams

## **Campgrounds**

- Samowen Campground

## **Lookouts**

Lookouts will call in smoke reports, act as human relays to field personnel with radio traffic and can give weather information. Each lookout will give a morning weather report.

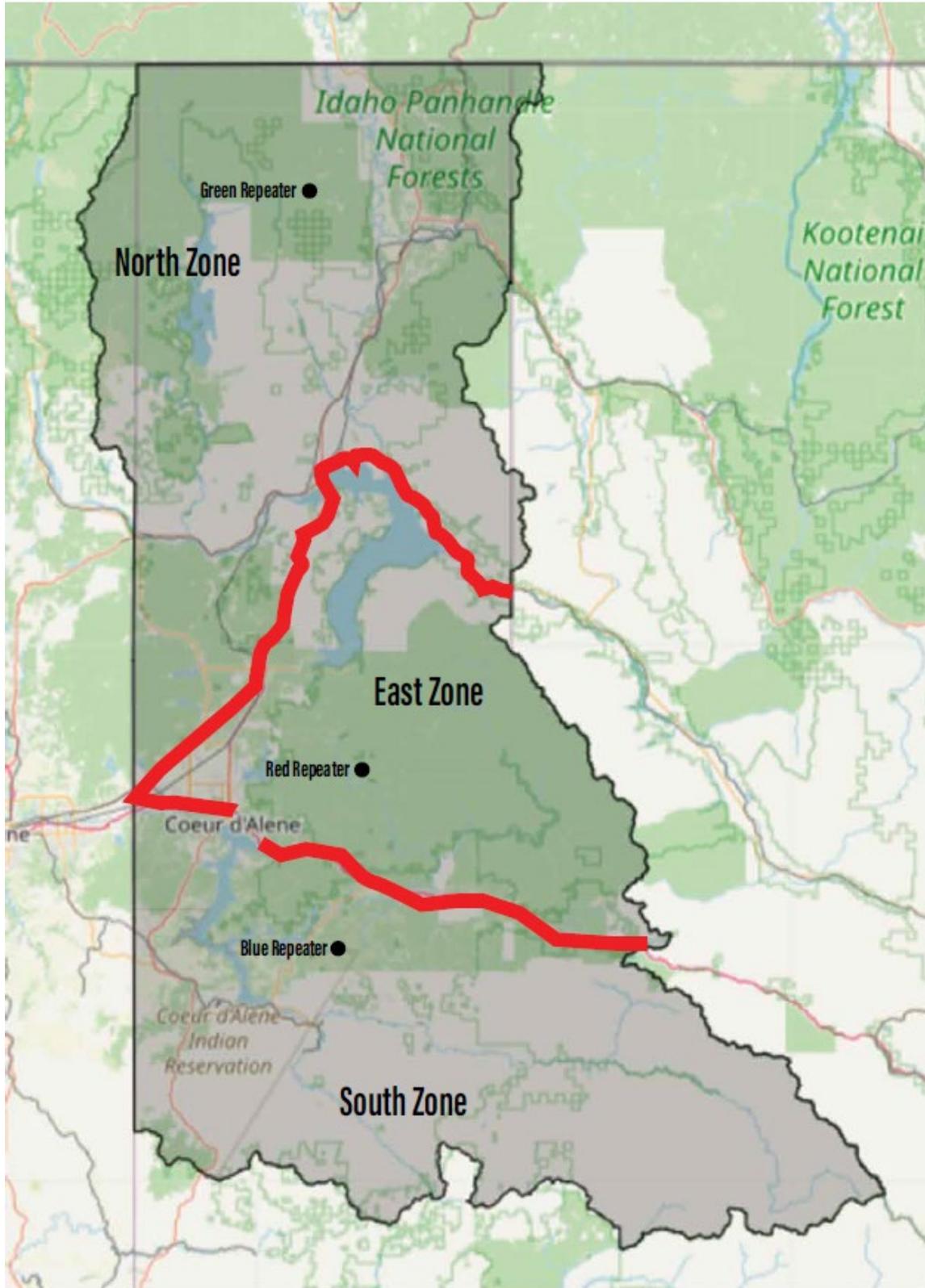
- Hughes Ridge Lookout
- Indian Mountain Lookout
- Lookout Mountain Lookout
- Sundance Lookout

## **Law Enforcement**

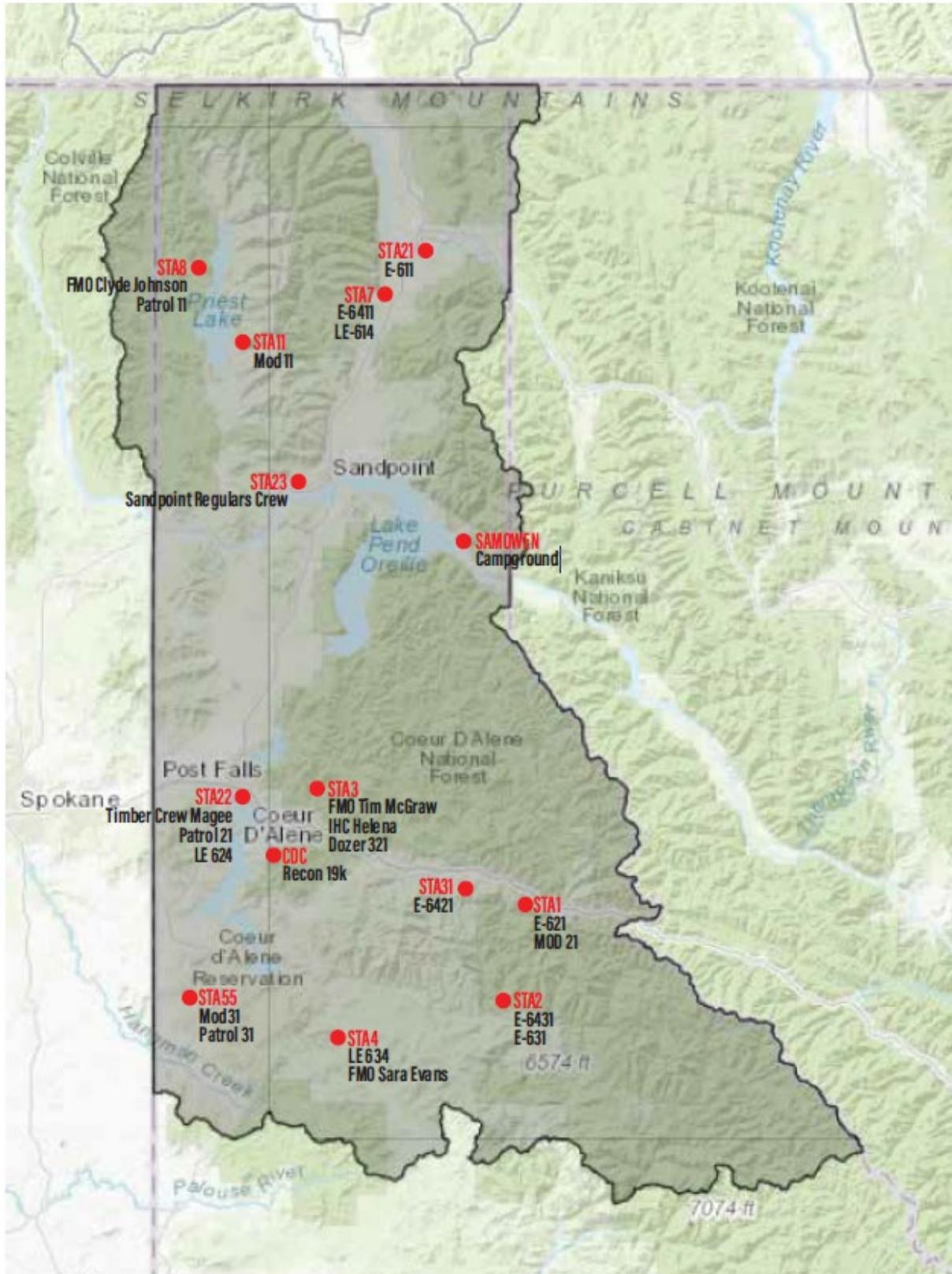
- Coeur d' Alene Dispatch has three Law Enforcement officers. One on each district. They periodically call in to dispatch and do status checks when making contacts with the public. Document times and to whom you are talking with, as well as their location. The LEO's will use call signs for safety reasons.
  - LEO – 614 – North Zone (Green)
  - LEO – 624 – East Zone (Red)
  - LEO – 634 – South Zone (Blue)

Maps

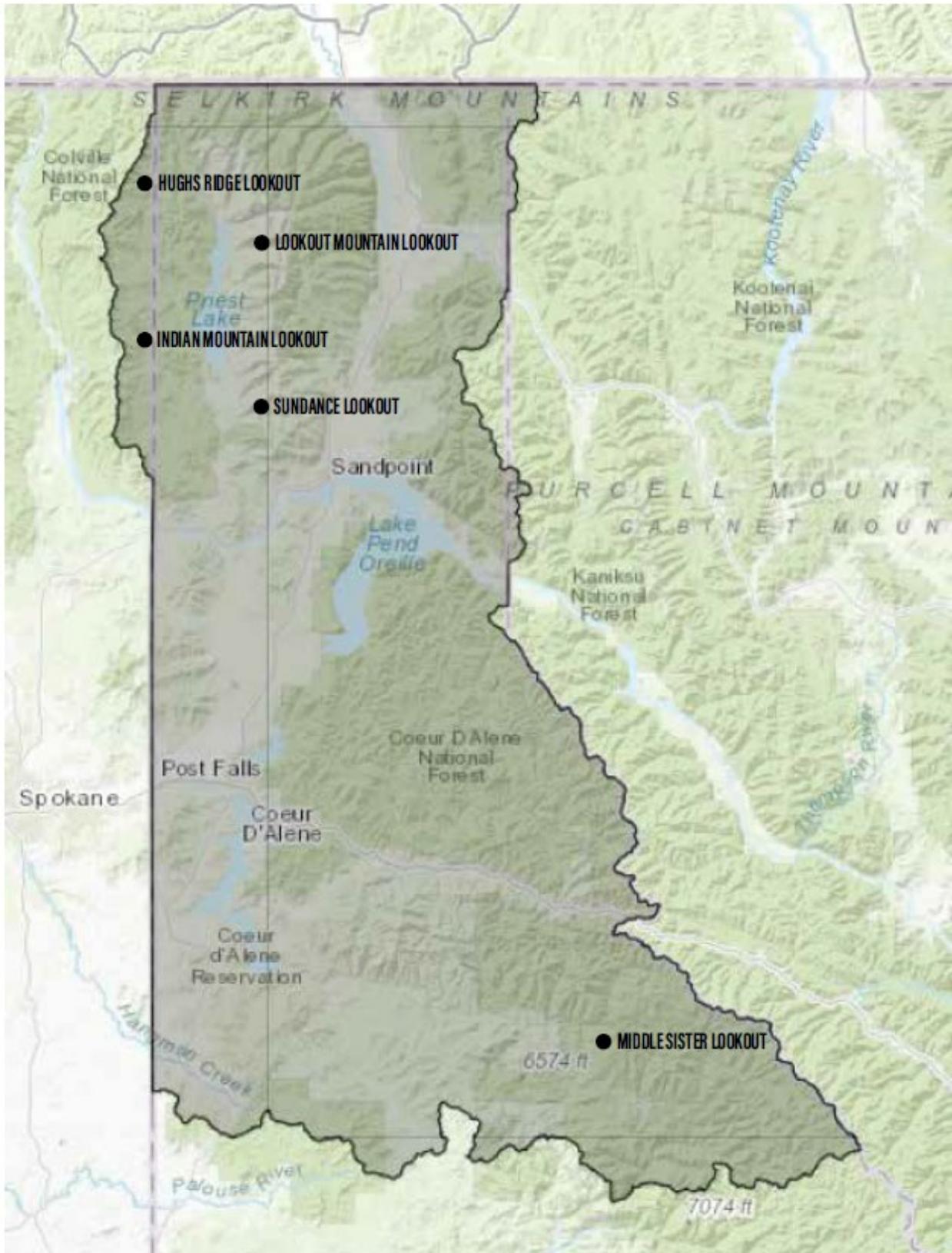
# Coeur d'Alene Dispatch Zone/Repeater Map



# Coeur d'Alene Resource Home Location Map



# Coeur d'Alene Lookout Map



# Coeur d'Alene Recon Map

