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Central Utah Interagency Fire Operations Committee

I. AUTHORITY

The Central Utah Interagency Fire Operations Committee (OPS Group) operates under the direction from the Central Utah Interagency Fire Management Officers Group (FMO Group) and the Central Utah Interagency annual operating plan. This charter is approved annually as part of the annual operating plan. The OPS committee may revise this charter annually with concurrence from the Central Utah Interagency FMO Group.

II. MISSION STATEMENT

Promote safety, efficiency, professionalism and coordination in Central Utah wildland fire/aviation management operations and personnel development.

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of the OPS Group is to network and share information on, and coordinate Central Utah interagency fire programs, projects, facilities and resources with the goal of becoming more integrated, safe and effective, and cost efficient within fire management operations.

IV. OBJECTIVES

- ❑ Coordinate, recommend and share interagency fire operations information with the Central Utah Interagency Fire Board, the Central Utah FMO Group, members of this committee as well as their represented agency employees. Support agency goals and objectives.
- ❑ Make recommendations to the FMO Group.
- ❑ Share information and technology with local units.
- ❑ Develop and maintain Type 3 Team SOP for FMO Group approval.
- ❑ Develop and maintain Type 2 Handcrew SOP for FMO Group approval.
- ❑ Update and maintain the incoming resource book annually for FMO Group approval.
- ❑ Review the Incident Organizer annually for FMO Group approval.
- ❑ Fulfill any other tasks or assignments as delegated by the FMO Group.
- ❑ Recognize National, Regional, and local conditions the Ops committee will advocate to make resources available for off unit assignments.

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V. MEMBERSHIP & STRUCTURE

A. Membership:

The OPS Group is made up of representatives from the Bureau of Land Management; Fillmore Field Office & Richfield Field Office, U.S. Forest Service; Fishlake National Forest & Sanpete RD Manti-La Sal National Forest, National Park Service, and State of Utah, Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands.

B. Structure:

The OPS Group includes members with the following responsibilities:

Chairperson: The chairperson is responsible for scheduling meetings, developing meeting agendas, facilitating meetings, and developing required correspondence to meet objectives. In the event of a tie vote, the chairperson will be the deciding vote.

The Chairperson will ensure that all documents maintained by the OPS Group are edited and distributed according to the OPS Documents Reference Sheet.

The Chairperson will act as the representative to the Central Utah Interagency FMO Group.

Vice-Chairperson: The Vice-Chair serves to support the Chairperson in developing agendas and facilitating OPS Group meetings, attending other group meetings where OPS Group representation is required, and assists with other duties critical to meeting OPS Group objectives. The Vice-Chair serves as an essential back-up to the Chairperson and assumes direct leadership in the absence of the Chair.

Both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will rotate out on alternating years to retain consistency in the leadership of this group.

Voting Members Include:

- ☐ State of Utah
- ☐ Color Country District BLM
- ☐ Fishlake National Forest
- ☐ West Desert District BLM
- ☐ Capitol Reef National Park
- ☐ Manti LaSal National Forest

Each unit entity is allowed one vote. Unit entity vote can be done through proxy.

Interagency FMO Group Advisor: One representative from the Interagency FMO Group shall be assigned to the OPS Group as an advisor. Upon final approval of all documents updated by the Ops Group, the FMO Group Advisor will notify the Ops Group Chair.

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C. Committee Tenure:

Chairperson: Serves a one-year term.

Vice-Chairperson: Serves as Vice-Chair for one year and assumes the role of Chairperson the following year.

Rotation:

- ☐ 2025 CCD BLM
- ☐ 2026 FS Beaver RD
- ☐ 2027 West State
- ☐ 2028 FS Richfield RD
- ☐ 2029 WDD BLM
- ☐ 2030 FS Sanpete RD
- ☐ 2031 East State
- ☐ 2032 FS Fillmore RD
- ☐ 2033 CCD BLM
- ☐ 2034 FS Fremont River RD

D. Meetings:

The committee may assign individuals or task groups to action items. Upon completion of each action item, the assigned party will be responsible for reporting back to the committee and present the findings or actions at the next scheduled meeting. Emailing the information to the Chairperson may be done as well. Results will be in draft format prior to distribution. A vote of the majority of voting members must take place should a recommendation need to be resolved.

The OPS Group will meet quarterly. Additional meetings or conference calls will be scheduled as needed.

Meeting notes will be taken for all OPS Group meetings and submitted to the FMO Group Representative and OPS Group Members.

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VI. Central Utah Interagency Fire OPS Group 2025

*Voting Member

OPS Group Representation	Name	Position
Fillmore (WDD BLM) *	John Johanson	Fire Operations Supervisor
Little Sahara (WDD BLM)	Kody Stoner	Fire Operations Supervisor
Richfield (CLD BLM) *	Jeff Bergfeld	Fire Operations Coordinator
Richfield (CLD BLM)	Bart Madsen (Chair)	Fire Operations Supervisor
Richfield (FIF USFS)	Glen Chappell	District AFMO
Beaver (FIF USFS) *	Clay Matheson (Vice)	District AFMO
Fillmore (FIF USFS)	Ken Wright	District AFMO
Fremont River (FIF USFS)	Jarad Teeples	District AFMO
Sanpete (MLF USFS)*	John Shaffer	District AFMO
Capitol Reef NP (NPS)*	Micah Suwyn	AFMO Utah Parks Group
Utah	Jordon Allsop (Acting)	State Fire Warden – Sanpete County
Utah	Copeland Anderson (Acting)	State Fire Warden – Millard County
Utah	Vacant	State Fire Warden – Juab County
Utah *	Brion Terry	State Fire Warden – Tri County
Dispatch	Jerran Andersen	Asst. Center Manager
Training	Daniel Probert	Training Officer – Fishlake
FMO Group Advisor	Erik Valdez	West Desert District FMO