

Utah Interagency Dispatch Study Committee (UIDSC)

Progress Update #6, February 8, 2017

Update:

This will be the final update from the team conducting a study of Utah's dispatch system. We've visited each of the five centers, talked to dozens of people to understand business, issues and opportunities each center is dealing with, and with your help, developed a good understanding of our current organizations. We found that each of our five interagency dispatch centers are operating at high levels with the proper amount of assistance and leadership from their host agencies; both line officers and fire managers. Each center has a functional operating plan, financial plan and a set of operating procedures which combined with their willingness to share information with our team, made our efforts so much easier. Thanks for your support.

Last week we presented a draft of our findings to the Utah Oversight Committee, which consists of the Fire Program Managers for Utah FF&SL, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs in Utah. We are working to refine our final documents for their use and consideration, a process that we have started and plan to finish in the coming weeks. While we can't share details of this report at this time, we can tell you that the analysis is intended to become the basis of a strategy for moving forward and will be considered by the Utah Oversight Committee and agency administrators as they consider future options.

Again, thank you all very much for your help and participation. The Utah Oversight Committee will share details and proposals as that information becomes available, and you may reach out to your agency's Utah Oversight Committee member with any questions you may have.

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