

Great Basin IHC - Rotation Guidelines for Out-of-Area Assignments

1. The Out of Area rotation and procedures will be determined per this document, which will be posted on the Great Basin Coordination Center (GBCC) webpage under the Crews tab.
2. This rotation is used for Out-of-Area assignments processed through the GBCC and the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC). The GBCC will name request the crew for the Out of Area assignment through the local dispatch center using established dispatching channels.
3. The definition of an “Assignment” will be; Minimum of 72 hours committed, including travel. Once the crew has met the 72 hours criteria, they will be moved to the bottom of the rotation list.
4. The Out-of-Area rotation will conclude once the first IHC takes themselves out of national availability for the fire season. The order of the rotation on this date will be carried over to the following fire season. Any Out-of-Area assignments after the first IHC takes themselves out of national availability will be prioritized and dispatched based on the current order of the rotation until all crews are nationally unavailable. An unforeseen event (e.g. serious injury, fatality, illness, etc.) impacting a crew’s national availability for the remainder of the season will be exempt if it is earlier than September 15th.
5. Superintendents will notify their respective home/host dispatch center upon return from assignment as to their expected availability. The home/host dispatch will notify GBCC Crew Desk, who will then insert the crew into the rotation order based on their actual availability date and time, or standard 0600 hours local.
6. If a crew is unavailable or committed within the Great Basin, GBCC will move to the next available crew on the rotation list for assignment. Any crew listed as unavailable or committed within the Great Basin WILL NOT lose their position on the out-of-area rotation.
7. Any IHC committed, within or out of the Great Basin, through local IA or local agreements, would maintain their position on the Out-of-Area rotation list and be available for Out of Area Assignments once released and available in accordance with work/rest guidelines. However, if a crew is committed out of area on a local or neighbor agreement for more than 72 hours that would be defined as an assignment and that crew would move to the bottom of the rotation when returning to home unit.
8. Out-of-Area rotation guidelines will be adhered to whenever possible. The GBCC Center Manager retains decision space to deviate given certain conditions/factors, such as; Date/Time needed, large transport aircraft logistics, and agency specific requirements.
9. The Out-of-Area rotation will be updated by GBCC as it cycles through resource commitment and will be posted on the GBCC webpage for viewing.

10. Change in Status to Type 2IA

11. IHCs that are temporarily statused as T2IA will remain on the IHC out of area rotation list. They will only be able to take an out of area assignment if they are at the top of the list and the request comes in as ‘Type 1 or Type 2IA’. If the crew takes an out of area assignment as a T2IA crew, they will move to the bottom of the Type 1 out of area rotation. If an IHC remains statused as a T2IA for two consecutive years, they will be removed from the Type 1 rotation until they regain Type 1 status. They would come back into the rotation at the bottom of the list at the time they regain their Type 1 status.