

## **Great Basin IHC Rotation Guidelines for Out of Area Assignments 2017 Procedures/Guidelines**

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 and work rest guidelines. Once the crew has met the 72 hours criteria, they will be moved to the bottom of the rotation list.
4. This system will take into account that not all crews will be coming available at the same time during the fire season. When a crew becomes unavailable at the end of the season, they will maintain their position on the rotation for the following spring availability. (The initial rotation was set by a one-time lottery occurring prior to the 2015 field season.)
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. Based on current fire conditions or predicted local/GACC/National needs, there may be occasions when the GMAC/NMAC may choose not to commit all IHCs, thus putting a pause on the Out of Area rotation.
10. 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.

### **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 a crew status changes to T2IA without having a realistic path and approach to regaining the Type 1 status in the foreseeable future, they will be removed off the Type 1 rotation until regaining Type 1 status. They would come back into the rotation at the bottom of the list at the time they regained their Type 1 status.