

Process for Management of Wildland Fires in Hells Canyon N.R.A.

Between the

NEZ PERCE NATIONAL FOREST,

PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST,

And the

WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST

Appendix B of the Snake-Salmon Fire Management Master Agreement

I. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this document is to provide for the most efficient and effective management of wildland fires requiring significant logistical support on the Idaho portion of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, hereinafter referred to as HCNRA. This document is an Appendix to the SNAKE-SALMON FIRE MANAGEMENT MASTER AGREEMENT.

II. INTRODUCTION

In 1979, the administrative responsibility for all of HCNRA was transferred to the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. Since that time, it has become evident that wildland fires on the Idaho portion of the HCNRA, escaping initial action and reaching project size cannot be efficiently and effectively managed without significant logistical support on the part of the Nez Perce and/or Payette National Forests. This is due primarily to the physical barrier of Hells Canyon itself as well as the local and regional logistical support capability by the Nez Perce and/or Payette Forests. This support includes such items as on-the-ground access, preplanned/pre-arranged sources of supplies, equipment, local suppression forces, and other facilitating services.

The Fire Staff Officers for the three forests and the HCNRA Manager reached agreement in concept in March of 1985 and agreed to develop a formal document describing how to achieve the stated objective (above). With the formation of Grangeville Interagency Dispatch Zone in 2006, this agreement was expanded to include the Clearwater National Forest.

III. ACTIONS

A. GENERAL

At such time and when in the judgement of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, wildland fires on the Idaho portion of HCNRA could be most efficiently and effectively managed by the Payette or Nez Perce National Forests, the Wallowa-Whitman Forest Supervisor (normally acting through the HCNRA Manager) will negotiate the delegation of management of the fire or logistical support to either the Payette or Nez Perce Forest Supervisor (normally acting through their respective Fire Staff Officer). An indicator of the need for transfer of management of specific incidents might be estimated logistic support required by that incident from the Idaho Forests.

The roles, responsibilities, services, activities, and/or necessary documents shall normally be handled or provided as described below.

B. WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST

The following is a list of items that may be fully or partially needed to facilitate the transfer of delgated authority for management of fires from one unit to another.

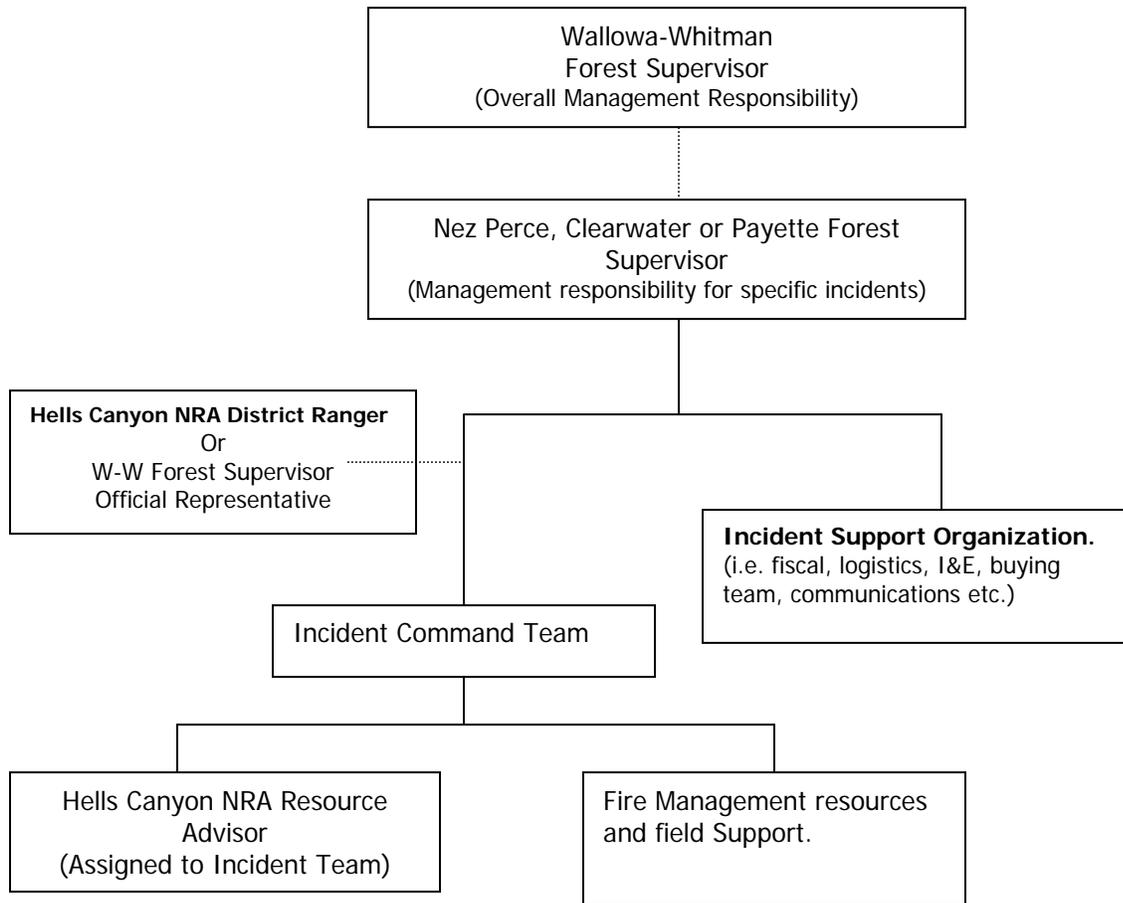
- Written delegation of authority to the IC for assumption of command and overall management of the fire (via electronic mail) at an agreed upon date and time.
- An approved Wildland Fire Situation Analysis (WFSA) or Wildland Fire Implementation Plan (WFIP).
- The HCNRA District Ranger shall normally be designated as the Wallowa-Whitman Forest Supervisor's official representative and be available to administer and assist as needed (i.e., briefings, WFSA daily validation or revisions, initiation logistical needs and coordination with neighboring dispatch centers etc.).
- Services of a full-time Resource Advisor on site (separate and distinct from Forest Service' official representative).
- Maps, pre-attack information, and other equipment or services which may be reasonably provided.
- Plan and implement emergency soil and water rehabilitation measures. Emergency fireline rehabilitation activities shall be coordinated and negotiated with the Incident Commander.
- Law enforcement investigation and follow-up actions for human-caused fires. Law enforcement and security as related to the incident operations will be the responsibility of the IC team.
- Complete and submit the final fire report, Form 5100-29.

C. NEZ PERCE OR PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST

The following is a list of items that may be fully or partially needed to facilitate the transfer of delgated authority for management of fires from one unit to another.

- Order appropriate Incident Command Team to manage the situation.
- Brief Incident Commnader and Incident Management Team and provide all usual support services (i.e., logistics, fiscal, public information, etc.). Include a copy of this document in the briefing package to the Incident Commander.
- Return of incident management to the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest shall be based upon a mutually agreed upon transition plan.
- ICS-209, Incident Status Summary, and Incident Action Plan shall be prepared and submitted through normal Northern Rockies/Eastern Great Basin communication procedures. An INFORMATIONAL COPY shall be provided to the Wallowa- Whitman Forest coordinator.
- Transfer the final fire package to the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

Organizational Diagram



CHECKLIST OF KEY ACTIONS

Exhibit 2

Action	Responsibility	Completed (Date, Time, Initials)
1. An approved Wildfire Fire Situation Analysis or Wildland Fire Implementation Plan (WFSA or WFIP) (via email) and daily verification	W-W Forest Supervisor	
2. Assign full-time Resource Advisor to IC Team	W-W Forest Supervisor	
3. Assign/delegate Hells Canyon NRA District Ranger as Forest Supervisor's official representative	W-W Forest Supervisor	
4. Prepare and provide pre-attack information, GIS maps, etc.	HCNRA Manager	
5. Plan and implement rehabilitation measures	W-W Forest Supervisor	
6. Initiate fire-cause investigation	HCNRA Manager	
7. Order Incident Command Team	Nez Perce or Payette Forest Supervisor	
8. Written delegation of authority to the Incident Commander for the overall management of the fire (via email)	W-W Forest Supervisor	
9. Brief IC and Team, provide incident support services including fiscal, logistics, I&E, and overall management of incident	Nez Perce or Payette Forest Supervisor	
10. Return incident management to Wallowa-Whitman National Forest	Nez Perce or Payette Forest Supervisor	
11. Transfer final fire package to Wallowa-Whitman National Forest	Nez Perce or Payette Forest Supervisor	
12. Prepare and submit ICS-209, Incident Status Summary, and Incident Action Plan through annual Northern Rockies/Eastern Great Basin procedures. Send informational copy to Wallowa-Whitman Forest Coordinator.	IC via Nez Perce or Payette Forest Supervisor	
13. Complete and submit the final fire report, Form 5100-29.	W-W Forest Supervisor	