

COOPERATOR AIRCRAFT USE VALIDATION FORM

Must be completed daily prior to any fire operations by a federal dispatcher. ONLY where there is "significant or imminent threat to life or property" and there are no federal contract aircraft available, may Cooperator aircraft be used on a federal fire.

United States Code 49 §40125 (a)(1) requires certification that the use of Cooperator aircraft is necessary to respond to a significant and imminent threat to life or property (including natural resources) and that no service by a private operator is reasonably available to meet the threat.

Today's Date: Incident #:
Incident Name: Request #:
Responding Agency Aircraft ID# N #:

SIGNIFICANT OR IMMINENT THREAT TO LIFE OR PROPERTY (Check all that are appropriate)

Life
Property – Homes, Businesses, Outbuildings, Land Property
Natural Resources – Land, Timber, Watershed, Wildlife Habitat

FLIGHT OPERATIONS TO BE CONDUCTED

Initial Attack	Helicopter
Extended Attack	Fixed-wing
Large Fire Support	Unmanned Aircraft Systems
Water Dropping – Helicopter/Water Scooper	Helitack Response
Airtanker – All Types	Aerial Firing Operations
Firefighter Transport	Medevac – Firefighter/ Civilian including Hoist
Detection – Lightning/ Smoke	Other

FEDERAL CONTRACT AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY

Aircraft Cannot Meet Date and Time Needed
Aircraft Cannot Meet Operational Needs – List Reason
No Suitable Aircraft Available
Aircraft on Order

CERTIFYING DISPATCHER

Name
Title
Agency
Date & Time

This record shall be retained for ten (10) years in accordance with Forest Service Handbook 6209.11, Chapter 40.