Northern Rockies Coordination Center
Smokejumper Para Cargo Ordering

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- Order **aircraft in IROC as an A#, Fixed Wing, Cargo** on the appropriate incident.
- For **Fresh Food Drops**, order at least one day in advance.
- Identify the following in the special needs block:
  a. Indicate which base you are placing the order to.
  b. The Total # of people being fed.
  c. The Total # of days’ worth of food required.
  d. Ground contact on the incident.
  e. Air to Ground Frequency.
  f. Drop Delivery Latitude/Longitude.
- **Order the food-cargo as one ‘support’ S#** to the Aircraft order as: **Service, Groceries/Sundries**.
- Smokejumpers will provide itemized receipts back to dispatch for the receiving unit to attach to order in IROC.
- When using **NFES Supply items** – place S#s in IROC directly to the closest Service Fire Cache and coordinate with the jump base for pickup/delivery of items.
- The Jump Center will create a flight strip and coordinate drop date and time with their local dispatch center and the hosting dispatch office.
- **To discuss/coordinate a Para cargo mission, call the smoke jumper duty officer:**
  - MSJC Jump Ops 406-329-4896
  - GVC Jump Ops 208-983-9588
  - WYS Jump Ops 406-646-1197

Remember: If the para cargo request comes in after hours, NRCC, GVC or BDC will notify the smoke jumper duty officer. This is especially critical if the requested delivery time the following morning. It often takes 4-8 hours to package the supplies for a Para Cargo Drop.

**How to fill the S# (fresh food order)** – Make sure that the purchaser sends an email or fax with the itemized receipt back to dispatch. Find and attach receipt to the order in IROC. Next, **Fill w/ Local Purchase** and enter in necessary fill information. Attach the receipt to the Resource Order with the paperclip.

**JPAD (GPS Guided Para Cargo)**

The Missoula, Grangeville, and West Yellowstone Smokejumpers have the ability to drop GPS guided para cargo in low-visibility (IFR) conditions. Due to the low number of these units currently in the system, users should contact Smokejumper Operations before ordering to make sure that the units are currently available and will meet the payload needs of the fire. If ordering through dispatch, be sure to specify Guided Para Cargo in Special Needs.