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## CHAPTER 40 – EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

### EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES

Equipment and supplies are obtained from agency sources, contract vendors, other private suppliers and the national cache system using established resource ordering procedures.

Fire protection agencies within the Northern Rockies Geographic Area have adopted a solicitation process to provide consistency in the acquisition of commonly used fire equipment. Awarded agreements are either competitive preseason agreements, or non-competitive agreements. The competitive agreements are awarded using a competitive award process that results in either a Dispatch Priority List (DPL) based on price, acceptable past performance, qualified personnel and minimum equipment standards, or a Resource List (RL) without priority dispatch ranking.

Information and a link to the Resource List can be found at:

[https://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/dispatch/equipment\\_supplies/agree-contract/contractor\\_updates/2021%20Vendor\\_Source\\_List\\_Handout%20002.pdf](https://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/dispatch/equipment_supplies/agree-contract/contractor_updates/2021%20Vendor_Source_List_Handout%20002.pdf)

Specific information regarding administrative procedures and awards for competitive agreements and non-competitive resources can be found at:

[https://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/dispatch/equipment\\_supplies/agree-contract/agree-contract.htm](https://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/dispatch/equipment_supplies/agree-contract/agree-contract.htm)

Incident only agreements (EERAs) are written specifically on an emergency basis for that incident and resource only.

### Equipment/Supplies Mobilization

Equipment, “E” requests include: National Contract Mobile Food Services, National Contract Mobile Shower Facilities, engines, water tenders, dozers, etc. All requests for equipment which cannot be filled locally or through the dispatch neighborhood will be placed via IROC to NRCC.

The mobilization priorities for equipment are:

1. Agency and cooperator resources
2. Competitive agreement or resource list resources
3. Incident only emergency rental agreement resources (EERAs)

Supplies are identified as materials or goods not defined in any other resource category. This includes, but is not limited to, NFES items, mobile cache vans, local purchase and Telecommunications items (NIRSC systems and kits).

NFES Cache supplies (“S” requests) Direct Ordering – Incidents with qualified Incident Management Teams may place directly with the Interagency Cache (other than NIRSC systems and kits).

All other supply orders will be placed/filled at the local or zone dispatch centers.

### Equipment/Supplies Demobilization

Priority of demobilization of contracted equipment will be determined by the Incident Commander (IC) based on specific incident needs or objectives.

## NATIONAL INTERAGENCY SUPPORT CACHE ORDERING PROCEDURES

### Fire Cache Incident Ordering Policy

The NRCG Board of Directors has approved the issuance of the Fire Cache Incident Ordering Policy. This policy authorizes Type 1 and Type 2 Incident Management Teams to submit requests for NFES cache items directly to the servicing cache in the Northern Rockies.

The Northern Rockies Cache Management Plan describes the strategic support program for the geographic area. The plan specifies the roles, responsibilities and support capabilities of the Interagency Support Caches in Missoula (MT-NRK), Billings (MT-BFK) and Coeur d'Alene (ID-CDK). *The plan is located at:*

[https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5308331.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5308331.pdf)

**The Northern Rockies Cache (NRK)** is in Missoula, Montana. It is the primary source of tools and supplies for the NRG. The cache supports incidents located between the Bitterroot Divide and the Boulder River and supplies backup support to the Billings and Coeur d'Alene Caches for incidents which order beyond the sustainable capacity of the Billings and Coeur d'Alene facilities. The NRK is responsible to provide backup support to other geographic areas as needed. *For the latest information about cache operations, memos, catalogs, vendors, policies and procedures, consult the Northern Rockies Interagency Cache website at:*

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r1/fire-aviation/?cid=stelprdb5362222>

**The Billings Interagency Cache (BFK)** is in Billings, Montana. The Cache operates in association with the Northern Rockies and the National Cache System, providing logistical support in response to wildland fire and all risk emergency incidents, for the East Zone Northern Rockies Region, North Dakota and NW corner of South Dakota, with interagency cooperation in the sharing of resources within the zone, region and on a national scale. Billings Interagency Cache website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r1/fire-aviation/?cid=stelprdb5317841>

**The Coeur d'Alene Interagency Cache (CDK)** is in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The cache supports incidents on lands under the jurisdiction and/or protection of the Idaho Departments of Lands, all land under the jurisdiction of the USFS Idaho Panhandle National Forest, as well as all other Federal and tribal land in northern Idaho, southward to the Clearwater River and Craig Mountain Supervisory Area, including North Fork Clearwater and St. Joe drainages. Coeur d'Alene Interagency Cache website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r1/fire-aviation/?cid=stelprdb5345023>

Contact the local cache when placing orders.

For an electronic copy of the Northern Rockies Cache catalog go to:

[https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd776827.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd776827.pdf)

At the time of demobilization determination will be made to return cache items to a local, zone, Northern Rockies, or other geographic area cache. It is recommended that a Cache

Demobilization Specialist be ordered for all incidents utilizing multiple sources of supply.

### **Incident Replacement of NFES Items**

Incident Management Teams (IMTs) will approve all requests for replacement of equipment and supplies if authorized to do so by the host incident agency.

All replacement orders must be submitted no later than 45 days after closing an incident. For wildland fires, the control date is used as the close of incident date. If the replacement order is not submitted by this date, the requesting individual/unit will not be allowed to use the incident/project management code for procurement of the item(s).

### **Interagency Cache Supplies Transfer between Incidents**

The NRCG Board of Directors has approved the issuance of the Interagency Cache Supplies Transfer Policy. This policy permits the transfer of cache supplies between incidents under specified conditions. *Reference Chapter 30 - Northern Rockies Supplement to the SIIBM NR.*

*Northern Rockies Interagency Support Cache- Transfer of Supplies Policy:*

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/r1/fire-aviation/?cid=stelprdb5298644&width=full>

### **Non-Fire Incident**

*Reference Chapter 30 of the SIIBM and follow Local Unit Procedures.*

Non-fire incidents examples are hurricanes, oil spills, rescues, public health and safety, and law enforcement actions. Whenever possible, field offices must order directly from Defense Logistics Agency (DLS) or the General Services Administration (GSA) for Federal Supply Items.

### **Cache Costs**

Incidents will be charged actual cost for items lost, damage or destroyed on incident.

### ***For Procedures Not Specified in This Chapter Reference***

*Local Unit Procedures / Local Fire Cache*

*Chapter 30 - Northern Rockies Supplement to the SIIBM NR*

*Chapter 30 - National SIIBM*

*Chapter 40 - National Interagency Mobilization Guide.*

## **SERVICE AND SUPPLY PLAN**

Dispatch Centers shall maintain a Service and Supply Plan that contains current copies of procurement documents related to locally available supplies, services, recycling and equipment resources. Service and Supply Plans must be current, complete, organized, and accessible to initial attack and expanded dispatchers.

The Service and Supply Plan will contain current copies of competitive Incident Blanket Purchase Agreements (I-BPAs), as well as source lists for incident-only agreements. Resources and their respective contracts/agreements will be entered into IROC if applicable, and naming conventions will meet national standards.

For additional required components of a Service and Supply Plan, refer to Page 389 at <https://www.nifc.gov/sites/default/files/redbook-files/RedBookAll.pdf> and Standards for Interagency Incident Business Management, Chapter 20, for specific documents to be included in the service and supply plan at <https://www.nwcg.gov/sites/default/files/publications/pms902.pdf>

### **NATIONAL INTERAGENCY INCIDENT COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION (NIICD)**

*Reference the National Interagency Mobilization Guide and the NIRSC User's Guide.*

#### **Prepositioned Radio Systems**

NIRSC ICS Starter Systems (NFES #4390) and components may be prepositioned at the Billings, Missoula, and Coeur d'Alene fire caches for use during fire season. NRCC will coordinate with the NIICD CDO to identify which Starter System to assign, coordinate with appropriate cache, reassign the system in IROC and coordinate delivery to the specific incident.

#### **Radio Ordering**

All orders for radio kits will be **submitted to NRCC as an IROC supply order for processing. Orders must contain in the special needs block: specific Bill to and Ship to information with complete address-zip code, a communication technician (COMT) identified and preferred method of shipment.**

NIICD will make the final decision on the shipping method. Examples on shipping methods are:

**Ground=Physical Address**

**Commercial Freight=Physical Address**

**Charter=Airport/FBO/Air Tanker base ramp**

When ordering 4312 and 4370 kits: Also order 004100 Mountain Top Accessory Kits

*Reference New Ordering Process for 4312 and 4370* <https://www.nifc.gov/resources/NIICD>

For incidents near each other, units may request command/tactical radios be reprogrammed to avoid interference between the incidents. Requests should be made to NRCC and approved by the Communications Duty Officer at NIICD.

#### **Satellite and Microwave Communications**

Various communication systems are available. *Reference the National Interagency Incident Communications Division (NIICD) Users Guide or follow local Dispatch Service and Supply Plan.*

#### **Locally Available Communication Equipment**

*Follow local Dispatch Service and Supply Plan*

#### **Frequency and Radio Demobilization**

*Reference the National Interagency Mobilization Guide.*

Incidents are responsible for ensuring the return of kits to the National Interagency Incident Communications Division (NIICD) for refurbishment immediately after they are no longer needed. Ship kits directly to NIICD or arrange transport with the nearest Interagency Support

Cache. Do not hold radios on a local unit or reassign them to another incident without consulting the NRCC equipment desk.

### **REMOTE AUTOMATIC WEATHER STATIONS, (RAWS)**

*Reference the National Interagency Mobilization Guide.*

#### **Incident (IRAWS) NFES 005869), Project (PRAWS) NFES 005970**

Requests for IRAWS are **submitted to NRCC as an IROC supply order** for processing. Orders must contain **in the special needs block: specific Bill To/ Ship To information with complete physical address (street number, street name, city and zip code)**. If ordered without technician, document in Special Needs that agency qualified personnel are available. A shipping contact name and phone number must be provided. The availability of equipment and associated technician support depends on a variety of factors.

- **IRAWS:** Prior phone coordination with National Interagency Fire Center Remote Sensing/Fire Weather Support Unit (RSFWSU) at 208-387-5726 is recommended. <https://famit.nwcg.gov/applications/RAWS/IRAWS>
- **PRAWS:** A shipping contact name and phone number must be provided. The requesting agency must contact the Remote Sensing/Fire Weather Support Unit at 208-387-5726 prior to ordering to determine the PRAWS configuration. Set up of the PRAWS is the responsibility of the ordering unit. <https://famit.nwcg.gov/applications/RAWS>

For orders other than fire or severity, the BLM requires a Reimbursable Authorization form, available at [https://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/coord\\_forms.htm](https://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/coord_forms.htm)

### **NATIONAL CONTRACT MOBILE FOOD SERVICES AND NATIONAL CONTRACT MOBILE SHOWER FACILITIES**

*Reference the National Interagency Mobilization Guide.*

#### **National Contract Mobile Food Service Units**

*Reference National Mobile Food Service Contract.*

Federal Wildland Fire Agencies are obligated to utilize services from the National Mobile Food Service Unit (MFSU) Contractors for federal wildland fire incidents when:

1. The number of people to be fed is at or above 150 persons per meal.
2. The headcount is estimated to remain at those numbers, or greater, for at least 72 hours from when the headcount first reaches 150 per meal.
3. Contractor can reasonably meet the incident's needs and required time frames.
4. Per the contract, first meal served will be dinner. Allow a minimum of 24 hours from the time order is in place to the NICC to the time of the first meal.

#### **National Contract Mobile Shower Facilities Units**

*Reference National Mobile Shower Facilities Contract.*

When Mobile Shower Facilities are needed for federal wildland fire incidents, the Federal Wildland Fire Agencies are obligated to order services from the National Mobile Shower

Facilities Contractors, provided the Contractors can reasonably meet the incident's needs and required time frames.

The Mobile Shower Facility contract offers small units which have a minimum of 4-11 shower heads, large units contain a minimum of 12 shower heads. The small units are best utilized where access is limited or on incidents with smaller personnel numbers. A rule of thumb for shower unit production is 75 persons per shower head.

When placing orders for shower units indicate in special needs unit size.

### **National Contract Mobile Food Services and Shower Facilities Mobilization**

National Food Service and National Shower requests require a completed Mobile Food & Shower Service Request Form at the time of request. The most current form may be found at: [https://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/coord\\_forms/Food\\_Shower\\_Request\\_Form.pdf](https://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/coord_forms/Food_Shower_Request_Form.pdf)

Requests require the approximate number of personnel, estimated duration, date and time of first meal to be served/ shower units will go into use.

- Complete the request form and send electronic mail to NRCC in conjunction with placing the order in IROC.
- Specify in reporting instructions the physical address and Latitude/Longitude where resource will report to.

### **Reassignments and Demobilization**

*Reference the National Interagency Mobilization Guide.*

At the earliest possible time, please notify NRCC equipment desk of planned release.

When releasing national catering and shower facilities in IROC allow 15 min for travel time.

**Note:** Contact NRCC prior to any reassignment.

### **Other Meal Options**

In addition to the national food service/caterers, the following options are available to the NRGAs:

**State of Montana Kitchen Unit** – The Southern Land Office has a kitchen unit in Billings which can provide food service for 75 to 350 persons for 2021. The kitchen units will not be dispatched outside the State of Montana. To order, contact the respective dispatch centers, and pass the orders through NRCC if outside of your neighborhood.

**T-3 Catering** – The Northern Rockies Type 3 Caterers will be on 2021 Northern Rockies Vendor Source List. An EERA-Incident only Emergency Equipment Rental Agreement must be completed to be order a Type 3 Caterer. The caterer can feed a minimum of 50 and up to 149 people.

### **Restaurant Sack Lunches**

*Follow local Dispatch Service and Supply Plan Reference NRCG sack lunch specs:*

<https://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/nrcg/committees/business/toolbox/contracting/SackLunchSpecificati>

[ons.pdf](#)

### Engines and Water Tenders

*Reference the National Interagency Mobilization Guide.*

The Northern Rockies Geographic Area Agency engines and/or water tenders will be typed as described in the NWCG *Standards for Interagency Incident Business Management, NRCG Supplement, Chapter 20, Acquisition Methods*. Engines and tenders dispatched outside of the NRGGA will conform to the same types and standards as described in the NRCG Supplement. These standards meet or exceed those established in the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide, Chapter 40, Engines and Water Tenders*.

Mobilization of local government resources for use on wildland fires will be done through interagency Zone Dispatch Centers or NRCC. Local government resources include city, county or rural fire department personnel and equipment. *For more information reference NRCG Mobilization of Local Government Firefighting Resources: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry>; also SIIBM NRCG Supplement Chapter 50:*

[https://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/nrcg/committees/business/nr%20supplements/NR\\_Chapter50.pdf](https://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/nrcg/committees/business/nr%20supplements/NR_Chapter50.pdf)

Montana local government resources are generally mobilized in cooperation with the Montana DNRC under the State County Cooperative Fire Protection Program. Billing and other paperwork is processed with local DNRC officials. Some federal agencies have established mutual aid or other suppression agreements directly with local government fire suppression organizations. In these cases, the dispatch will be accomplished as specified in the agreement. Payment and other paperwork are processed directly between the parties to the agreement.

*For more information reference the Northern Rockies Dispatching Procedures, CH 10 of this guide.*

#### **Note:**

- The NRGGA does not utilize tactical water tenders.
- Lowboy engine transport must be discussed with NRCC, Northern Rockies Operations Specialist and the ordering incident.
- Engines are NOT ordered in strike team configuration within the NRGGA. Order 5 individual requests for engines, a STEN- Strike Team Leader Engines and assemble at the incident.

Requests for agency specific resources may be made on preposition and severity orders.

#### **Locally Available Equipment**

*Follow local Dispatch Service and Supply Plan*

Examples of locally available emergency equipment include dump trucks, forklifts and other specialized equipment.

#### **MOBILE RETARDANT BASES**

NICC is now responsible for the acquisition of MRB's. Mobile Retardant Bases can be ordered to service Very Large Airtankers, Large Airtankers, Helicopters and SEATS. Orders should be

placed through normal dispatch channels to NICC. Units should identify physical location and any limiting factors affecting access to the area of planned use. Use the Special Needs block to identify type aircraft utilizing the service (Helicopter (tanked or snorkel), SEAT, LAT, VLAT, etc.).

### **SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT**

#### **Field First Aid Station (NFES 81835)**

The 500-Person Field First Aid Station is available for large incidents where medical support is not readily available. Order only for incidents of 300 or more personnel.

Field First Aid Supply/Incident Medical Support Kits are a supply item and should be placed via IROC to appropriate cache.

Ordering Procedures can be found on the NRK site.

Policy and Procedures <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r1/fire-aviation/?cid=stelprdb5362222>

Highlights of the policy are:

- One or more of the following must be assigned to the incident:
  - Current Incident Medical Specialist Manager
  - Qualified Medical Unit Leader
  - Licensed medical care provider
- The assignee shall serve as the Kit Manager and shall place the order for the Kit.
- The order will list the name and qualification of the assignee.
- The qualification will be verified by the ordering dispatch center prior to passing the order to the appropriate Cache. NRK will verify the qualification if the incident orders directly to it.
- Delivery will require a signed receipt.
- The Kit Manager is held accountable for the Kit contents until released.
- If the assignee is released, the Kit will be transferred to the qualified replacement assignee. Documentation of the transfer will be forwarded to the issuing Cache.
- The Kit will be released and returned as a whole unit to the issuing Cache immediately upon release of qualified personnel.

#### **Helitorch**

All helitorches will be dispatched with an approved operations module.

*Contact local Forest Aviation Officer (FAO) or local dispatch center.*

### **COMPETITIVE/NON-COMPETITIVE AGREEMENTS**

In the Northern Rockies Geographic Area, once all available agency, state or local cooperator owned resources have been exhausted or are otherwise reported unavailable, the Competitive Agreements and Resource Lists are the next source for obtaining pieces of equipment. The government intends to dispatch based on the priority ranking unless exigent circumstances or tribal preference policies within reservation jurisdictions determine otherwise. Resources must be dispatched in priority sequence based on the DPL list and availability. Only after Competitive Agreements or Resource Lists have been exhausted, can incident specific EERA's be implemented.

When necessary, as determined by the incident, a Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) or an Incident Contract Project Inspector (ICPI) may be ordered to ensure compliance with the contract/agreement requirements.

Contract compliance inspections may be performed at the discretion of the Government using Contract Compliance Inspection Checklist or other appropriate forms.

In the NRGAs, resources dispatched under competitive agreements may be listed under a Dispatch Priority List (DPL) or under a vendor Resource List (RL).

Resources on a RL are not ranked in priority dispatch order. The dispatcher may choose the vendor that best meets the incident's needs considering factors such as cost, availability, and proximity to the incident. For current agreements and more information, reference Competitive Agreement information- Solicitations- Priority Lists:

[https://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/dispatch/equipment\\_supplies/agree-contract/agree-contract.htm](https://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/dispatch/equipment_supplies/agree-contract/agree-contract.htm)

Once Host Dispatch Center DPL-RL resources have been exhausted or are unavailable, coordinate with neighboring dispatch centers for resources or the option to fill with incident-only EERAs exists. Ensure date & time needed can be met. Document all pertinent information in the IROC order.

*Reference SIIBM CH 20-Acquisition:* <https://www.nwccg.gov/publications/902>

For specific personnel, equipment, and licensing requirements reference NRCG SIIBM Supplement CH 20 Acquisition (blue pages):

[NRCG SIIBM Supplement CH 20 Acquisition](#)

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation- MT DNRC agreements:

<http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/fire-and-aviation/fire-business/vendors-and-eeras>

For Idaho Department of Lands- IDL, North Dakota Fire Service-NDFS and MT-DNRC specifics reference NRCG SIIBM Supplement CH 50:

[https://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/nrcg/committees/business/nr%20supplements/NR\\_Chapter50.pdf](https://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/nrcg/committees/business/nr%20supplements/NR_Chapter50.pdf)

**Note:** The states of Idaho and Montana reserve the right to select contractors who they (state officials) consider to be in their best interest.

### **Out-of-Area Assignments**

For incidents **outside** the NRGAs the NR Out-of-Area DPL will be utilized – or – the appropriate Resource List (RL) when no agency, state or local cooperators owned resources are available.

NRCC will place the order to the centers with the specific resource requested identified in documentation and will follow up with a phone call (see example below):

- Please fill with NR Out of Area Priority (###) Dispatch Center Priority (###) – Vendor.
  - **Do not** fill with any other resource without consulting NRCC.

- If unable to fill document in IROC and UTF order.

### NR Resources under Competitive Agreements or Resource Lists Table

Equipment Category	FY 2021	RL = Resource List; DPL = Dispatch Priority List)
Ambulance, EMT, Paramedic-Line	R1-FS	DPL -Available to States of MT Only & ID Only
Bus, Crew Carrier	FS	DPL in VIPR-National Solicitation
Caterer T-3	EERA	2021 NR Vendor Source List, EERA-Incident Only
Clerical Support Unit	FS	DPL in VIPR-National Solicitation
Chipper	R1-FS	DPL in VIPR
Dozers	R1-FS	DPL in VIPR (Includes transport for haul in & out only)
EMT, Paramedic - Fireline	R1-FS	DPL-Available to States of MT Only & ID Only Includes transport
Engines	R1-FS	DPL in VIPR
Excavator	R1-FS	DPL in VIPR (Includes transport for haul in & out only)
Faller Module/Fallers	R1-FS	DPL in VIPR
Fuel Tender (Non-Aviation)	EERA	2021 NR Vendor Source List, EERA-Incident Only
GIS Unit	FS	DPL in VIPR – National Solicitation
Hand washing Station, Portable	MT-DNRC	RL
Hand Washing Station, Trailer-Mounted	R1-FS	DPL in VIPR
Heavy Equipment Task Force	R1-FS	DPL-Available only to NR (Includes transport)
Mulcher/Masticator	R1-FS	DPL in VIPR (Includes transport for haul in & out only)
Pumper Cat	R1-FS	DPL in VIPR (Includes transport for haul in & out only)
Rental Vehicles-Off Road	MT-DNRC	RL-State Only Agreement-Federal Agencies using NERV
Road Grader/Skidder/Feller Buncher	R1-FS	DPL in VIPR (Includes transport for haul in & out only)
Skidgine	R1-FS	DPL in VIPR (Includes transport for haul in & out only)
Soft Track	R1-FS	DPL in VIPR (Includes transport for haul in & out only)
Tender, Water (Support)	R1-FS	DPL in VIPR
Toilet, Portable	MT-DNRC	RL
Tents/Yurts		Awaiting Updated Specs or Decision to go Commercial from WO FS
Trailer, Communications	FS	DPL in VIPR-National Solicitation
Trailer, Helicopter Support	FS	DPL in VIPR-National Solicitation
Transports (Lowboys, etc.)	R1-FS	DPL in VIPR
Truck, Gray Water	FS	DPL in VIPR
Truck, Potable Water	FS	DPL in VIPR
Truck, Service w/Mechanic	R1-FS	DPL in VIPR
Weed Washing Units	R1-FS	DPL-States will not be able to use agreement

Table 21: NR Resources under Competitive Agreements or Resource Lists

Detailed information can be found in the NR Contracted Resources SOPs at:

<https://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/dispatch/dispatch.htm>

Emergency Equipment Rental Agreements (EERA) / Incident Blanket Purchase Agreements (IBPA) **not on a National/ Regional award or dispatch priority list will be obtained utilizing CH 20 SIIBM and SIIBM-NRCG Supplement CH 20.**

### **Ambulance/T2 Advanced Life Support/T4 Basic Life support**

The awarded resources meet specific State Board of Medical Examiners Emergency Care provider licensing/certification requirements and Medical Oversight/Credentialing for States of Montana -or- Idaho. Resource holds current EMS personnel license issued by the State. May operate only in the state currently licensed and under awarded agreement.

Fireline qualified Medical Resources must meet training requirements for FFT2 position per NWCG PMS 310-1.

- 3 Host Centers in MT- MT-BDC, MT-HDC, MT-MDC.
- 2 Host Centers in ID – ID-GVC and ID-CDC
- Ambulance T2 – ALS – 2 Personnel required (Paramedic and EMT) Advanced Life Saving Equipment
- Ambulance T4 – BLS – 2 Personnel required (Minimum 2 EMTs) Basic Life Saving Equipment

### **Buses**

If the travel to an assignment will exceed eight hours (8), utilize a coach-type bus for crew transport. Coach-type buses are usually not suitable for off-highway use. Coach Buses are to be hired on commercial invoice, as *referenced in NRCG SIIBM Chapter 20.*

### **Heavy Equipment Task Force**

The Heavy Equipment Task Force will be available for use on large incidents within the Northern Rockies. The Task Force will consist of:

- 1 Job Site Foreman with 4-wheel drive transportation
- 1 leveling Feller Buncher with operator
- 1 rubber-tired Skidder with operator
- 1 T2 Dozer -6-way blade (PAT) or manual angle with hydraulic tilt with operator
- 1 drop tank Skidgine or Pumpercat capable of skidding logs with operator
- 2 Transports to stay with HETF with operator
- Optional Equipment: Reference HETF agreements

Taskforce will be issued **ONE** E# in IROC. The Taskforce will not be broken up.

### **Heavy Equipment with Water**

Order water handling heavy equipment by Type as described in the *Standards for Interagency Incident Business Management, Chapter 20.*

Heavy equipment with water includes skidgines, soft tracks, and pumper cats. All three types of equipment have been solicited on competitive agreements using a Dispatch Priority List (DPL).

Skidgines are vehicles capable of moving across very rugged terrain, typically rubber-tired logging skidders with a relatively small capacity water tank and pump installed. Pumper cats are hard tracked with water capabilities.

### **RENTAL VEHICLES**

NRCC does not process orders for Rental Vehicles.

#### **National Emergency Rental Vehicle (NERV)**

The National Emergency Rental Vehicle (NERV) program is a single portal for placing rental vehicle orders, nationwide. NERV allows for a centralized billing, payment, and claims office for incident rented vehicles. Rentals are paid directly by the NERV program, and individual travel cards are not utilized through NERV. When the vehicle required for the position must be off-road capable, “NERV Rental authorized (Include type of vehicle)” must be relayed to dispatch. The NERV agreement rental process does NOT supersede guidance provided in the *Northern Rockies Chapter 10 Supplement to the NWCG Standards for Interagency Incident Business Management* for travel and transportation of AD/EFF overhead.

The NERV BPA may be used to procure vehicles on incidents when:

1. The vehicle is anticipated to be traveling off maintained roads.
2. The renter needs a 4x4 SUV or Pickup to meet the needs of the assignment.
3. The vehicle needed is to support an incident and will be assigned to a ground support buying team or dispatch center and utilized by multiple resources.
4. The renter is NOT self-sufficient or able to procure the vehicle needed for the assignment through the agency standard travel reservation system.

Standard Travel Reservation Systems must be used to procure vehicles when:

1. The assignment does not require a 4X4 SUV or Pickup Truck, and
2. Agency personnel are self-sufficient, are in travel status and possess an agency-issued travel charge card.

Each vehicle rented through the NERV BPA must be requested electronically through the NERV website with a valid resource order, <https://sites.google.com/a/firenet.gov/nerv/new-nerv-request>. Vehicles obtained through the BPA will be paid by the NERV Payment Center and reconciled to each associated request. If vehicles are reassigned, the last driver is responsible for completing the paperwork process for payment.

*For more information reference the NERV website:*

<https://sites.google.com/a/firenet.gov/nerv/new-nerv-request>

*and NRCG Standard Operating Procedures for NERV Agreement at:*

<https://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/nrcg/index/NERV-Rental-Vehicles-SOP.pdf>

#### **DNRC - Off Road**

DNRC, Montana Disaster and Emergency Services (MTDES), the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), and North Dakota Forest Service (NDFS) are authorized to use the agreement, the agreement cannot be used by federal employees. Orders will primarily originate through the respective Dispatch Center (either for the incident or for the resource), although buying teams

or other state purchasers are authorized to place orders through this agreement. Employees are not allowed to walk up and order a vehicle under this agreement.

Ordering and dispatch procedures are as follows:

- **STEP 1:** Requests for off-road vehicles will be submitted to dispatch on a General Message form. The request must be specific to vehicle type needed, quantity, tire requirements, delivery date and time needed and method of delivery. The intended use of the vehicles is also helpful – ex: Ground Support rigs to be assigned each day, Operational (DIVS) rigs to be assigned for incident duration, Logistical support to the line, etc.
- **STEP 2:** Dispatch generates a resource order. A resource order will be completed for each vehicle.
  - Dispatch contacts the appropriate contractor for a reservation; requests must be submitted using the required MT-DNRC Rental Vehicle Request form.
  - Dispatch will state he/she is calling to reserve vehicle(s) under the DNRC Off-Road Vehicle Rental Agreement for Fire. The “renter” is the Fire Name and the appropriate resource order number (E, O, or C#) is provided to the Contractor. Or, if the vehicle is being ordered for an individual (single resource), the renter is the name of the single resource and his/her resource order number (O#) is provided to the contractor.
  - Payment Method will be identified at this time i.e. (agency-issued travel or purchase card or incident generated Emergency Equipment Use Invoice [OF-286]).
- **STEP 3:** The contractor initiates a reservation and provides a reservation/confirmation number back to the dispatcher.
  - ❖ If the contractor is able to assign specific vehicles at the time of the reservation (vehicle make, model, VIN number, and license plate number), that information should be provided. **If the contractor is unable to assign the specific vehicles at the time of the reservation, a follow up phone call is required or additional coordination during pickup.**
- **Step 4:** Dispatch fills the resource order with the contractor’s name, vehicle information, and confirmation number in “Special Needs”. Dispatch arranges for pickup of the vehicle(s) and provides a copy of the resource order with the required confirmation number to the individual(s) who will pick up the vehicle(s).
- **STEP 5:** Dispatch will fax or email a completed copy of the resource order to the contractor. Depending on the payment method, the vehicle could go through pre-use inspection and a payment package may be started. A Rental Vehicle Tracking Cover Sheet should be initiated by dispatch.

**Resource orders are assigned for a specific incident. Rented vehicles cannot move to other incidents with the same resource order. A new unique resource order number will be assigned for each incident and the new resource order will be sent to the contractor by the receiving dispatch center. Reference the DNRC Off-Road Agreement for more information:**

<http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/docs/fire-and-aviation/business/contracts>