Northern Rockies Coordinating Group

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TO: Agency Personnel

FROM: Ryan Melin, Chair - Northern Rockies Coordinating Group

SUBJECT: 2026 Northern Rockies Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization

Attached is the 2026 Northern Rockies Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization. These standards are written to reflect the interagency needs of the user and are referenced as 'NR Supplements' in blue italicized font throughout the document. This publication will be an online version only; agencies and/or individuals may print as needed locally.

The Northern Rockies Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization states, references, or supplements policy and for the U.S. Wildland Fire Service, U.S. Forest Service, Idaho Department of Lands, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and North Dakota Forest Service.

The signatory agencies have directed the Northern Rockies Coordination Center (NRCC) with review and oversight from the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group (NRCG) to annually revise, publish, and distribute the Northern Rockies Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization by June 1, and issue errata to this document.

The Northern Rockies Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization establishes the standards for mobilization and demobilization of resources in response to wildland fire and all-hazard events. It is tiered off the National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization which is the foundational document instituting overarching processes for total mobility of resources.

Suggestions for modification of the publication can be submitted at any time during the calendar year. The Northern Rockies Coordination Center will accept suggestions for changes either through your signatory agency, through your Local Dispatch Center, or through established interagency organizations such as NRCG Committees. April 1 will be the cut off for changes to be considered for current publication year.

Northern Rockies Coordination Center will present all recommended changes to NRCG for their final acceptance and approval. The change request form can be found on the NRCC website.

Ryan Melin

Ryan Melin, Chair
Northern Rockies Coordinating Group

2026 Northern Rockies Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization
Summary of Changes

Errata – Chapter 10 Objectives, Policy and Scope of Operation

- Updated to include new member states of both the NW (California and Nevada) and Great Plains Compacts (Arizona and Nevada).
- Adjusted both KIC and MDC to reflect the move of DNRC Plains unit to MDC.
- Added references to Wildland Fire Service.

Errata – Chapter 20 Overhead and Teams

- Removed previous verbiage referencing Interagency BUYTs and updated with guidance for new incident procurement procedures through AIMS/EPSO (Federal incidents) and overall concept to work through local agency specific incident business contacts to determine needs and approach for additional support.

Errata – Chapter 30 Crews

- U.S. Forest Service Contract Crews- Added "Type 2 contract crews and Type 2 Initial Attack contract crews must be ordered to a specific reporting location, identified by a physical address such as a designated incident, forest or district office, or other government-specified location."
- Type 2 and Type 2IA Crews -Added two tables describing minimum mobilization standards for each crew type.
- Updated mobilization notification processes for Department of Corrections Crews for MT DNRC and IDL.

Errata – Chapter 40 Equipment & Supplies

- No changes for 2026

Errata – Chapter 50 Aircraft

- Updated Kneeboard – Minimum Information Needed to clarify values at risk is desired when known but will be required on orders for leadplanes/ASMs, LATs, VLATs, and multi-engine scoopers to assist with prioritization.
- Added information on turn down protocols and requirement to communicate and document such occurrences
- Added reference to Non-Federally Approved Cooperator Aircraft Use Approval form under DNRC and IDL cooperator aircraft sections.
- Updated DNRC and IDL aviation resources
- Add notation of second short-haul program in Northern Rockies – T2S short-haul based out of Missoula
- Clarified language in use of PMS 250 kneeboard
- Added information on DNRC multi mission aircraft (MMA) 220QK and appropriate ordering procedures
- Removed reference to DNRC CWN contracts for multi-engine scoopers. These contracts no longer exist.
- Added California and Nevada to NW Compact note

Errata – Chapter 60 Predictive Services

- Updated "When to Report Wildland Fire Incidents with an ICS-209" based on the Fire Management Board Memorandum No. 26-002.

Errata – Chapter 70 Incident Administration

- Added reference to Wildland Fire Service

Errata – Chapter 80 Forms

- No changes for 2026

Errata – Chapter 90 Fire Organization Guide

- Updated contact names and phone numbers

Errata – Appendices

- Updated to include new member states of both the NW (California and Nevada) and Great Plains Compacts (Arizona and Nevada).
- Added Wildland Fire Service (WFS) to acronym guide