

Sub-Geographic Area Operating Plan Lewistown
Interagency Dispatch Center
(2023-2027)

Between

THE STATE OF MONTANA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

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Fergus (LG08), Phillips (LG11), Hill (LG12), Roosevelt (LG17), Chouteau (LG19), Valley (LG20), Blaine (LG24),
Sheridan (LG34), Judith Basin (LG36), Daniels (LG37), Petroleum (LG55)

And the

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

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Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest
Judith Musselshell Ranger District

And the

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Charles M Russell National Wildlife Refuge Complex
Northern Great Plains Complex

Sub-Geographic Area Operating Plan 2023-2027
Tier 3 Interagency Dispatch Center Operations

This Sub-Geographic Operating Plan (SubGeo) is hereby made and entered into by and between the Parties pursuant to the Montana Statewide Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement and Statewide Operating Plan (23-FI-11015600-048) signed and dated 12/31/2022. This Sub-Geographic Operating Plan, inclusive of any referenced attachments or Exhibits, is tiered to the Montana Statewide Master Agreement and Statewide Operating Plan. The terms and conditions included in this Sub-Geographic Operating Plan shall not contradict any of the terms and conditions of the Montana Statewide Master Agreement or Statewide Operating Plan. [NRCG Master Agreements](#)

I. PURPOSE

This is a Sub-Geographic Operating Plan applicable to all signatory Parties within the Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Area. Its purpose is to provide a framework of cooperation for the shared dispatch services provided by Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Center. The [Northern Rockies Interagency Mobilization Guide](#) and the [Montana Offset Protection Map](#) are considered part of this Operating Plan.

The following Exhibits are hereby incorporated and attached to this Sub-Geographic Area Operating Plan:

Exhibit A- Shared Contributions Spreadsheet

Exhibit B- Annual Frequency List (applicable to this Tier 3 Interagency Dispatch Center)

Exhibit C- Principal Contacts

Exhibit D- Tables of Active Supplemental Fire Project Agreements and other Agreements within this Tier 3 Dispatch Area

Exhibit E – Maps

II. RECITALS

Stafford Act Response Agreement and related National Response Framework activities will be accomplished utilizing established dispatch coordination concepts. Situation and damage assessment information will be transmitted through established fire suppression intelligence channels.

Jurisdictional Agencies are responsible for all planning documents, i.e., land use, resource, and fire management plans and decision support documents, for a unit's wildland fire and fuels management program.

Protecting Agencies implement the actions documented and directed by the appropriate planning documents and decision support documents for initial and extended attack on wildfire incidents. They provide the supervision and support including operational oversight, direction, and logistical support to Incident Management Teams (IMTs).

Supporting Agencies provide suppression or other support and resource assistance to a Protecting Agency.

Local Government Fire Forces (LGFF) in the State of Montana are considered part of the Montana Department of Natural Resources through separate Cooperative Fire Protection Agreements between the State of Montana and Counties within Montana. The signatory

LGFF to this SubGeo can be signatory to a separate Supplemental Fire Project Agreement for the purposes of non-suppression assistance, an active SAM registration is necessary for direct reimbursement.

III. INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

The following are incorporated by reference and will remain in effect under the authority of the Montana Statewide Master Agreement and Statewide Operating Plan until revised or renegotiated as appropriate:

- [Northern Rockies Interagency Mobilization Guide](#)
- [Northern Rockies Multi-Agency Coordinating Group Operating Handbook](#)
- [NRCC Mobilization of Local Government Firefighting Resources](#)
- [Appendix P of the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)

A. Interagency Dispatch Centers:

1. **Purpose and Overview:** The Parties to this Sub-Geographic Operating Plan agree to maintain, support, and participate in the Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Center. Current interagency dispatch and coordination centers within the state of Montana are listed in Table 1.

Table 1: List of Tier 3 Dispatch Centers in MT

Billings Dispatch (DNRC/BIA/BLM/FS)	Bitterroot Dispatch (DNRC/BLM/FS)
Dillon Dispatch (DNRC/BLM/FS)	Great Falls Dispatch (DNRC/BIA/FS)
Helena Dispatch (DNRC/BLM/FS)	Kootenai Dispatch (DNRC/FS)
Kalispell Dispatch (DNRC/FS/NPS)	Miles City Dispatch (DNRC/FWS/FS)
Lewistown Dispatch (DNRC/BIA/BLM/FWS/FS)	Missoula Dispatch (DNRC/BLM/FS)

All base labor will be covered by the employing agency. These are not reimbursable costs, unless assigned to a specific incident on a resource order. Overtime is a cost directly attributed to a specific incident.

2. **Administrative Oversight/Structure:** Addressed on the [Northern Rockies Interagency Coordination Center](#) website and the Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Center’s website.
3. **Dispatch Organization:** Interagency staffing at NRCC and Tier 3 dispatch centers are detailed in the [Northern Rockies Mobilization Guide](#), Chapter 70 Fire Organization Directory.
4. **Roles and Responsibilities:** Addressed on the NRCC website. NRCC and each of the Tier 3 dispatch centers are led by a Center Manager and are supported by interagency geographic area or zone Boards of Directors. The NRCC Center Manager has been delegated the authority to move resources throughout the

Northern Rockies Geographic Area (NRGA) and between other geographic areas to accomplish the mission of the NRGA coordination system.

The LIDC Center Manager has been delegated the authority to move resources between neighboring Tier 3 Dispatch Centers within the Northern Rockies Geographic Area to accomplish the mission of the NRGA coordination system.

Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Center Fire Management Partners: DNRC, Northeastern Land Office; US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge Complex (CMR) and Great Northern Plains Complex; USFS, Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest (LCF); BIA, Rocky Mountain Region and BLM, North Central Montana District are committed to the following mutual actions:

- **Firefighter and public safety is our number one priority.**
- **All dispatchers will promote Effective Fire Management upon all jurisdictions and protection areas with our Local, County, State, and Federal Government partners, to unify intent and process, reduce duplication, maximize resource availability, and provide the highest level of customer service possible.**
- **Maintenance of Safe Professional Interagency Fire Management Programs.**

5. Dispatch Services:

- a. **Initial and Extended Attack:** Fire dispatching for fires on land protected by agencies will comply with the following:
 - i. Resources will be dispatched using the closest force(s) concept. Pre-planned response plans based on National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) indices as outlined in the Lewistown Area Interagency Fire Danger Operating Plan, will be utilized to guide this process. Seasonal Trend Analysis for the dispatch area will be available from the NCMD BLM and will be posted in dispatch.
 - ii. Resource Status Page: will be updated daily during fire season to keep dispatch/interagency partners updated on available resources and current Duty Officers. [Resource Status Page](#)
 - iii. The responsibility for management of the incident will fall to the most qualified initial attack supervisor on the first resource to arrive at the scene. Individual will remain as Incident Commander until released of these duties by the protecting or Jurisdictional Agency.
 - iv. Agencies are responsible to provide information and assistance to each other in a timely manner, for proper completion of fire reports.
 - v. In the event of an extended attack or when incident management teams are in command of an incident, dispatch actions for that incident will be

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conducted through the jurisdictional Agency, unless the Jurisdictional Agency delegates otherwise.

- All Forest Service lands within LIDC under the FS/BLM Offset Agreement are under the jurisdiction of LIDC.

- vi. LIDC will be staffed 5 days a week year-round. Seven-day staffing will normally start around the last week of June and run until September/October.
- vii. LIDC can be contacted after hours at (406) 538-1072; this phone is forwarded to an on-call dispatcher.
- viii. Jurisdictional agencies will notify LIDC when prescribed burning is planned and occurring.

- b. Mobilization, Demobilization, and Support:** Addressed on the Northern Rockies Interagency Coordination Center website. The NRCC Center Manager has been delegated the authority to support and move resources within the NRGBA and between geographic areas in support of preparedness, severity, and wildland needs.

The LIDC Center Manager has been delegated the authority to support and move resources between neighboring Tier 3 Dispatch Centers within the Northern Rockies Geographic Area in support of preparedness, severity, and wildland needs.

- c. Aviation:** Forms, safety elements, maps, resource status, contracts, and guides addressing aviation operations are located on the [NRCC Aviation website](#). Montana state aircraft are not approved for use by federal agencies. Under emergency circumstances, where human life is immediately at risk by wildfire on federal lands under federal protection, a federal line officer can approve the use of non-federally approved aircraft to address the immediate threat. This exemption must only take place when sufficient federal aircraft are not readily available to meet the emergency need. Per Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations, Chapter 16, “All approved Cooperator aircraft used on federally managed fires shall be released when federal aircraft become reasonably available.”

Tactical aircraft operations in support of fire suppression, aerial detection, and prescribed fire shall be managed through Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Center. During the core fire season (June 15 to September 1) tactical fire air operations will flight follow through the Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Center, utilizing the web-based application Automated Flight Following.

LIDC will be notified of all non-tactical aircraft missions by all agencies. LIDC will be available to assist with Flight Following in or through the dispatch centers geographical boundaries.

- d. **Prescribed Fire/Fuels Management:** The NRCC Center Manager has been delegated the authority to support and move resources within the NRGAs and between other geographic areas in support of prescribed fire needs.

The LIDC Center Manager has been delegated the authority to support and move resources between neighboring Tier 3 Dispatch Center zones within the Northern Rockies Geographic Area in support of prescribed fire needs.

Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Center will be notified anytime that cooperators will be burning within the geographic boundaries of the dispatch center. Hours for dispatch staffing during prescribed burning should be discussed with the Center Manager prior to burning. Any additional resources need to be addressed with dispatch at least 48 hours before any burning takes place.

Each cooperator shall consider reciprocal assistance prior to exchange of funds when performing prescribed fire and project work. Interagency Agreement (IAA) that are in place will be used appropriately for reimbursement for payment if funds need to be exchanged. Existing IAAs within the dispatch area are listed in Exhibit D.

Declared Wildfires: Wildfires resulting from escaped prescribed fires that were ignited by, managed at the direction of, or under the supervision of one of the Parties to this Agreement shall be the responsibility of the Jurisdictional Agency. If the Parties to this Agreement jointly conduct or manage a prescribed fire, the responsibility for suppression costs, should it escape, shall be agreed upon and documented in the Project Plan. Unless otherwise agreed, all suppression costs and associated damages are the responsibility of the Jurisdictional Agency. The Parties to this Agreement will not hold each other responsible under this clause for escaped prescribed fires originating on private land, State, or federal lands not protected by one of the Parties to this Agreement.

**There must be an active agreement in order for reimbursement of suppression and non-suppression activities.*

- e. **All Hazard:** The NRCC Center Manager has been delegated the authority to support and move resources within the NRGAs and between other geographic areas in support non-wildfire emergencies and all-hazard incidents in a manner consistent with the providing agency's mission and management objectives.

The LIDC Center Manager has been delegated the authority to support and move resources between neighboring Tier 3 Dispatch Centers within the Northern Rockies Geographic Area in support of non-wildfire emergencies and all-hazard incidents in a manner consistent with the providing agency's mission and management objectives.

6. **Funding:** Shared project costs such as staffing, funding, and level of participation will be agreed to by the signatory Parties to this Sub-Geographic Operating Plan.

Supplemental Fire Project Agreements (SFPAs) and/or Interagency Agreements (IAA's) must be developed and executed documenting these arrangements.

LIDC Funding and Staffing: Each Protecting Agency to this Sub-Geographic Operating Plan has agreed to fund LIDC through a percentage of time formula used to calculate the time spent on each agency's fires over a 5-year average. The average will be recalculated with the renewal of the Sub-Geographic Operating Plan. Reference Exhibit A, Shared Contributions Spreadsheet.

B. Interagency Resources:

- 1. Mobilization Between Tier 3 Dispatch Centers:** Per Northern Rockies Mobilization Guide Chapter 10 Policy, all dispatch centers may order resources from their neighbor(s). Zone dispatch centers adjacent to one another in the Eastern, Great Basin, Rocky Mountain, and Northern Rockies Geographic Areas may engage in resource ordering across geographic area boundaries. Supplemental Fire Project Agreements or Interagency Agreements (Fed to Fed) will be required if there is any exchange of funds or a need for cross-billing authorities.
- 2. Interstate Mobilization:** The [Interstate Mutual Aid Agreement for Wildland Fire Management Assistance](#) is an agreement to provide mutual assistance in wildland fire incident management. The Northwest Compact, available on [DNRC Agreements, Plans, and Guides](#) website, is an agreement between the U.S. and Canada and multiple states to govern interstate mobilization in support of incident management.
- 3. Incident Management Teams:** The Northern Rockies Complex, and Type 3 Incident Management Teams (IMT) are identified annually on [NRCC Overhead](#) webpage. The [Northern Rockies IMT Standard Operating Guide](#) (SOG) describes implementation of NRCG's mission for providing direction to Northern Rockies IMT using the national template. The SOG addresses the required elements necessary to successfully assemble, manage, dispatch, perform, and release IMT on all-risk assignments. It is reviewed annually by NRCG, Agency Administrators, and Incident Commanders (IC) to document shared understandings and to incorporate national and regional priorities.
- 4. Sub-Geographic Operating Plans (SubGeos):** Sub-Geographic Area Operating Plans are considered supplements to the Montana Statewide Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement and Statewide Operating Plan (23-FI-11015600-048).

Sub-Geographic Areas will have at least one Sub-Geographic Area Operating Plan. Each Tier 3 Dispatch Center will have a SubGeo that includes a Financial Plan for illustration of shared costs. SubGeos will be finalized by March 1 each year to allow adequate time for distribution to Dispatch Centers and interagency fire management staff in preparation for the upcoming fire season. Copies must be sent to the NRCG Executive Assistant by March 15th. These plans, when

received, will be posted on the NRCG website.

5. **Tribal Resources:** Indian tribal resources may be available for use under this agreement through existing Bureau of Indian Affairs/Tribal cooperative agreements. In such instances, the cooperative agreement will be incorporated into the Sub-Geographic operating plan by reference.
6. **Use of Inmate Resources:** Use of inmate resources for Federal fire suppression operations are ordered and coordinated through the State of Montana. The Department of Corrections Operating Plan describes the agreement.
7. **Use of National Guard Resources:** Ordering and Payment of National Guard resources will occur through the State of Montana. Procedures for use of military resources are listed in the following agreements:
 - [Memorandum of Agreement with Montana National Guard and DNRC](#)
 - [Military Use Handbook \(NFES 002175\) – regular military forces](#)
8. **Use of International Resources:** Procedures for use of international resources are listed in the following agreements:
 - [Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement \(Northwest Compact\)](#) and [Annual Operational Guidelines](#). Ordering and payment of NW Compact resources are through the respective states. Signatory agencies for the Northwest Compact are States of Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, and provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Yukon Territories, and Northwest Territories.

International Agreements in the National Mobilization Guide describe the process for use and ordering of international resources by federal agencies.
 - [British Columbia & NW United States Wildfire Response Border Arrangement](#). Arrangement is to provide the framework under which wildfire management activities, identification, initial response, mutual aid and planning allows for cooperative pre suppression and wildfire protection along the United States and Canada's British Columbia portion of the International Border. This arrangement is between the Province of British Columbia Ministry of Forests Land and Natural Resource Operations, USDA Forest Service – Pacific Northwest Regions, Alaska and Northern Regions; National Park Service – Pacific West, Alaska and Intermountain Regions; and Bureau of Land Management – Oregon/Washington and Idaho State Offices.
9. **Incident/Project Order Number:** Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Center will assign the incident/project order number to the Protecting Agency at the point of origin (outside of offset the Jurisdictional Agency is the Protecting Agency). The lead paying agency for wildfires shall be the Protecting Agency at the point of origin, unless or until a Cost Share Agreement is in place.

C. Standards:

1. All Parties to this operating plan accept the standards for each agency through the duration of an incident, in compliance with the Master Agreement and associated operating plans.
2. The National Wildfire Coordinating Group publication, National Incident Management system: Wildland Fire Qualifications System Guide (PMS 310-1), outlines the minimum requirements for training, experience, physical fitness level, and current standards for wildland fire positions, which all participating agencies have agreed to meet for national mobilization.
3. During initial action, all agencies (Federal, State, Local, and Tribal) accept each other's standards. Once jurisdiction is clearly established, then the standards of the agency(s) with jurisdiction prevail.

D. Local Government Fire Forces (LGFF):

1. LGFF refers to a subdivision of local government organized and administered under Montana Code Annotated, Title 7. The following are interchangeable with the term LGFF:
 - Fire departments (career, combination, volunteer) including municipal, rural fire districts, volunteer fire company, fire service area, or county rural fire department.
 - County or municipal (e.g., town or city) equipment and personnel
 - Volunteer and paid personnel from local government Fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Search and Rescue, or Law Enforcement organizations
2. Wildland fire protection areas frequently overlap with areas of local government or rural fire protection responsibility (generally referred to as "stacked protection"). The Protecting Agency may negotiate with local government fire forces to describe responsibilities for protection of wildland and structures within their protection boundaries. Follow the NRCG Mobilization Guide and NRCG Supplements (Chapter 50) of the NWCG Standards for Interagency Incident Business Management. The State will work with LGFF to map local departments' protection areas.
3. The State maintains Cooperative Fire Control Agreements with all 56 counties. This State/County Cooperative Fire Protection arrangement ensures wildland fire protection on over 55 million acres of state and private land not otherwise covered by a recognized protection agency. The county and its firefighting operations organize, respond, and perform both their respective Title 7 (Local Government Fire Protection) obligations and DNRC's Title 76 (Wildland Fire) duties as outlined in MCA § 76-13-104. Montana counties agree to provide the basic level of wildland fire protection through a system of rural firefighting organizations and county personnel. In return for this service, cooperating counties receive DNRC support in the form of organizational and technical assistance/advice, fire equipment, training, and direct fire control assistance when required.
4. The State will incorporate county fire protection chapters into each Sub-Geographic

Operating Plan as appropriate. This will define relationships between Federal, State, and County protection entities. LGFF that are not covered under a state or county cooperative agreement cannot be signatory to a Sub-Geographic Operating Plan as provided for in this agreement. Individual agreements with these entities can be made between any federal agency and a LGFF.

5. LGFF's are made available to cooperating agencies and the interagency wildland fire system through the State. Dispatching LGFF should follow all the protocols stated in the [NRCG Mobilization of Local Firefighting Forces](#) and [Chapter 50 of the Northern Rockies Supplement to the NWCG Standards for Interagency Incident Business Management](#).
6. If LGFF's enter into Supplemental Fire Project Agreements (SFPA) with a Federal Agency they will need an active SAM registration for direct reimbursement of project funding. The Local Fire Organization entering into a SFPA will need to be signatory to a Sub-Geographic Area Operating Plan confirming their concurrence of the terms and conditions of the Montana Statewide Cooperative Fire Agreement and Statewide Operating Plan (23-FI-11015600-048). These Supplemental Fire Project Agreements will need to be signed by the State, the Federal Agency, and the Local Fire Organization.

IV. PREPAREDNESS

A. Protection Planning:

1. The Jurisdictional Agency may utilize its own personnel and equipment to conduct fuels management, planned ignitions, or other related preparedness tasks (e.g., prevention patrols) on its lands protected by another agency; all activities will be coordinated with the Protecting Agency.

B. Protection Areas and Boundaries: An interactive map of [Current Wildfire Protection in Montana](#) is maintained by MT DNRC. The map will be reviewed annually at the Sub-Geographic level. Maps and databases that depict wildland protection unit boundaries, lands that have been exchanged for protection purposes and areas that have local government fire protection responsibilities are compiled and maintained by the State. Protection agreements will be reviewed annually at the Sub-Geographic level; changes to protection will be approved at the Regional (federal) and Bureau (state) level. Reciprocal initial attack zone and Special Management Areas will be documented in County/Zone Sub-Geographic Area Operating Plans. Initial attack, mutual aid, or assistance for hire among federal, state, and local government entities should be described in County/Zone SubGeos or in local agreements between federal agencies and local entities.

1. For fires in Judith Basin and Wheatland Counties that Forest Service responds to within LIDC boundary, Great Falls Dispatch (GDC) will track those fire resources and create a non-stat incident in WildCAD. GDC will then send the WildCAD report to LIDC. LIDC will create the wildfire incident for stats/reporting off the CAD report or the Fire Data Hotline.

C. Methods of Fire Protection and Suppression

1. Reciprocal (Mutual Aid) Fire Assistance

Mutual Aid Period: The Parties to this Sub-Geographic Operating Plan and the Montana Statewide Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement consider their lands in the State of Montana affected by this agreement to be reciprocal. The Mutual Aid periods between the Parties to this agreement is 24 hours. Mutual Aid periods are described in Sub-Geographic Area Operating Plans. Supporting Agencies will not bill the Protecting Agency for incident costs during the Mutual Aid Period. If Supporting Agency's resources are ordered to stay past the Mutual Aid Period, their costs are reimbursable. If the cost threshold of \$5,000 is reached, all costs accrued by the Supporting Agency, including costs accrued during the Mutual Aid Period are reimbursable.

2. Exchange (Offset) Protection

The BLM, FWS, Forest Service and the State have negotiated an exchange of protection, which redistributes fire protection responsibilities throughout the state. The exchange is based on acreage and agreed to by all Parties. The process used provides an acceptable balance of exchange and mutual benefit. Official maps and narratives documenting the exchange are available online at the [Montana Offset Protection Map](#).

Separate Interagency Agreements between the Forest Service and the Department of Interior Land Management Agencies describe the terms of a federal-to-federal offset protection exchange. Where this Interagency Agreement applies, the State is a Supporting Agency. Areas where federal to federal offset exist will be described in County/Zone Sub-Geographic Operating Plans and the appropriate Interagency Agreement will be referenced.

All fire suppression costs on such lands where offset protection is employed will be borne by the Protecting Agency. Suppression resources requested by the Protecting Agency and provided by the Jurisdictional Agency or Supporting Agencies on these lands is reimbursable.

The Master Statewide Offset Map will be adjusted, as needed, every five years in conjunction with the updates to the Cooperative Wildland Fire Management Agreement (CWFMA). Realignment of offset protection boundaries statewide will originate at the sub-geographic area (NRCG Zone) level when interagency fire management staff redistribute offset acres to maximize efficiency and align protection responsibilities with their agencies' missions. All realignment will be approved at the Regional and Bureau level, documented in the Montana Offset Protection Map, described in County/Zone Sub-Geographic Area Operating Plans, and distributed to affected Dispatch Centers.

- a. Agencies protecting lands that are the jurisdiction of another will provide wildland fire suppression per the Jurisdictional Agency's land management policies.

- b.** BLM and FS Fire Protection Operating Plan: The North Central Montana District, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest have offset protection exchange based on acre, and closest resources concept throughout the state. The BLM has wildfire protection on FS land in the Big and Little Snowy Mountains and the Helena- Lewis and Clark National Forest has wildfire protection on BLM lands in Meagher, Cascade, Teton and Pondera Counties see offset map [Montana Offset Protection Map](#). Each agency has special designated lands with Land Use restrictions within the offset protection exchange that are highlighted on map in Exhibit E. This offset agreement covers all wildland fire events including fires that escape initial attack or fires with a non-suppression objective.
- c.** Primary coordination with initial attack shall run through Duty Officers (BLM and USFS). All fires in the Little Snowies will have a suppression objective. Fire management objectives in the Big Snowies may be for suppression or non-suppression objectives due to the proposed wilderness designation and current WSA designation. Therefore, for all fires in the Big Snowies the BLM duty officer shall coordinate with the USFS on an appropriate management response. Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics (MIST) should be used when possible. The use of heavy equipment and retardant must be pre-approved by the Judith-Musselshell District Ranger. (Reference retardant avoidance map Exhibit E).
- d.** State land within the Executive Boundary of the Charles M. Russell NWR is protected by FWS through the Montana Statewide agreement off-set.
- e.** NCMD BLM has initial Attack agreements/MOUs with the Blaine, Phillips, and Valley Counties which lie within the Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Geographic boundaries. Copies of these agreements are in Exhibit D

D. Supplemental Fire Project Agreements (SFPA)

A Sub-Geographic Operating Plan (SubGeo) will list or reference SFPAs, if applicable. SFPAs are separate to this agreement and can only be executed by signatory parties to this agreement. Use Exhibit I from the MT Master CFMA (23-FI-11015600-048) as a template to all SFPAs.

These projects may involve such activities as shared dispatch operations, prescribed fire/fuels management, preparedness, fire analysis/planning, rehabilitation, training, prevention, public affairs, and other beneficial efforts in support of cooperative fire management. Implementation of such projects will require a Supplemental Fire Project Agreement.

Reference Exhibit D, Table 1 of this SubGeo for list of active SFPAs applicable to the parties signatory to this SubGeo. The intent behind this is to provide corporate knowledge to all the signatory parties as to what SFPAs exist and can be used to support each other's efforts, leverage each other's resources, and prevent duplication of efforts.

E. Interagency Agreements (IAA)

Interagency Agreements (Fed to Fed) are executed between two federal agencies to describe protection exchange areas/responsibilities and/or when federal agencies exchange funds for non-suppression activities. These IAA's are not tiered to the Montana Master Statewide CFMA but are referenced in this SubGeo to provide corporate knowledge to all the signatory parties. Reference Exhibit D, Table 2 of this SubGeo for list of Active IAA's within this sub geographic area.

V. OPERATIONS

A. Fire Notifications:

Detection will be coordinated between agencies as needed. All fires detected will be reported to the appropriate dispatch center. If applicable, Sub-Geographic Operating Plans shall specify notification procedures and timelines, to include timeframes when final fire reports will be sent to jurisdictional agencies.

B. Boundary Line Fires:

Units are expected to review boundary areas annually with neighboring agencies to determine whether preplanned response strategies, (e.g., run cards, special management considerations, potential operational delineations), are still appropriate for each other's jurisdictional interests. Plans to resolve adjacency issues will be documented in Sub-Geographic Operating Plans and on maps referenced in those plans. Those plans will guide the development of cost share agreements if multi-jurisdictional fires occur in the area.

When a wildland fire that is being managed for resource objectives, spreads into a neighboring jurisdiction where fire is not wanted, the managing jurisdiction shall be responsible for wildfire suppression costs.

LIDC Boundary Fires will be handled as follows:

- i.** A fire burning on or adjacent to a protection boundary, (within 1 mile) will be the responsibility of the protecting cooperators on their side of the boundary. Neither party will assume the other party is aware of the fire or that the other party will take action. Each party will make every reasonable effort to communicate with the other concerning the fire.
- ii.** Agencies may establish unified command structure and an Incident Commander(s) will be identified.

C. Cooperation:

All Parties will be involved in developing strategy and tactics which would be used if a wildland fire does cross jurisdictional or protection boundaries. Neighboring Jurisdictional or Protecting Agencies should provide prompt notification to neighboring agencies when concerns exist about fires that have the potential to impact adjacent jurisdictions or protection areas.

Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Center Fire Management Committee: This committee is established to provide oversight and recommendations for all interagency wildland fire activities in the Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Center boundary. The committee will oversee continuity of dispatch operations, implementation, and scheduled plan updates. Each Agency Administrator will delegate their Fire Management Officer (FMO) as the agency representative to the dispatch committee see Exhibit F. The committee will oversee implementation and updating of this plan. The committee chairman will be rotated every two years. The goal of this plan is to establish a high trust culture and represent a shared vision of interagency fire program management.

A Chairman will be nominated from the agency for the years shown below:

Agency	Year
USFWS	2024-2025
DNRC	2026-2027
USFS	2028-2029
BLM	2030-2031
BIA	2032-2033

D. Communication:

1. Communications should occur prior to fire seasons and during the early stages of wildland fires. Agencies managing fires, especially those with multiple objectives, should consider firefighter and public safety, predicted weather conditions, resource drawdown, proximity to private property, values at risk, smoke, current and anticipated fire activity, and time of season.
2. News releases are issued through the jurisdictional public affairs offices of each agency. Where applicable, news releases should be coordinated between the agencies.
3. The Incident Status Summary (ICS-209), submitted to the GACC, is used to report large wildland fires and any other significant events on lands under federal protection or federal ownership. Large fires are classified as 100 acres or larger in timber fuel types, 300 acres or larger in grass fuel types, or when a NIMO, Type 1 or 2 Incident Management Team is assigned, regardless of the size of the incident or the suppression management strategy.
4. Frequency sharing between agencies is allowed per FCC (Federal Communications Commission) and NTIA (National Telecommunications and Information Administration) rules. Frequency use is authorized via written MOU to ensure compliance with the respective agencies' official license/authorization parameters.
5. Each year, all signatories to the Montana Statewide Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (23-FI-11015600-048) coordinate to publish and distribute the NRCG Frequency Guide, detailing the frequencies that are issued to each agency within the Northern Rockies. The guide is not published online. It is available for reference by contacting the NRCC's Aviation Desk.

6. Reference Exhibit B of this Sub-Geographic Area Operating Plan for Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Center Annual Frequency List. (Refer to NR Frequency Guide.)

VI. USE AND REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERAGENCY FIRE RESOURCES

A. Training:

The Parties to this Agreement will cooperate to ensure that training is provided that will produce safe and effective fire management and aviation programs. The intent is to champion high-quality training, to minimize training costs by sharing resources, and to standardize content. Local fire departments will be included in this cooperative approach whenever practical. As applicable, all training will meet NWCG 310-1 standards.

1. [NRCG Training Ops Guide](#) is available online and describes the mission of the NRCG Interagency Fire Training program is to provide and ensure quality training in Wildland Fire Suppression, Incident Management, Aviation Management, Fuels Management, and Leadership Management that is responsive to the needs and direction of the NRCG's member agencies.
2. Interagency cadre and subject matter experts are encouraged when delivering interagency content.
3. The Northern Rockies are divided into training zones. Each zone has an interagency Zone Training Coordinator (ZTC) who sits on the NRCG Training Committee. The committee meets semi-annually in the spring and fall, and as needed at other times of the year, and is responsible for oversight of course selection, presentation, student selection, and training at the Northern Rockies Training Center (NRTC). Zones are allocated seats for each training session.
4. Nominations to NRTC courses are prioritized and submitted through the ZTC or the Geographic Area Training Representative (GATR) hosting a nominee from NF by utilizing the established nomination process for each session. All ZTC and the GATR will finalize a prioritized list of nominees to NRTC, NAFRI, and Out of Geographic Area training at the 300-level and above.
5. NRCG member agencies do not pay tuition for most courses at NRTC; the exception to this is typically found when course cadre are paid contractors.
6. There must be an active agreement in order for reimbursement of non-suppression (Cooperative Training) activities. Work performed without an active agreement may warrant a ratification per FSH 1509.11 chapter 10. Exigent need applies only within 30 calendar days from the start of work.

B. Communication Systems:

Federal agencies and DNRC share space in collocated communication sites across the state where it is advantageous to do so.

C. Fire Weather Systems:

The [NR Fire Weather Operating Plan](#) is a joint effort between land management agencies of the NRGBA, the [Northern Rockies Predictive Services Unit](#) (PSU) and the National

Weather Service (NWS) offices in Billings, Bismarck, Glasgow, Grand Forks, Great Falls, Missoula, Riverton, and Spokane. The purpose of the plan is to coordinate the NWS and PSU products and services provided to the land management community.

1. National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) forecasts are provided on a daily basis from late spring until the end of wildfire season.
2. Spot forecasts will be issued for wildfires, prescribed burns, or other incidents when requested. Please furnish the data indicated on the online [Spot Weather Forecast Form](#) to your local NWS office.
3. Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings will be issued as conditions warrant, in conjunction with critically dry fuels.
4. Remote Automated Weather Stations (RAWS) provide current weather data across Montana, and are located [online](#). When operating Remote Automated Weather Stations, Montana DNRC will meet national standards for data requirements and station maintenance requirements.
5. The [Fire Danger Pocket Card](#) provides a format for interpreting and communicating key index values provided by the NFDRS. The Pocket Card provides a description of seasonal changes in fire danger in a local area. It is useful to both local and out-of-area firefighters.

D. Incident Meteorological (IMET) Services: Onsite weather support to large wildfires, prescribed fires, and other major incidents is available. IMETs can be ordered through dispatch for wildfire incidents. In all cases, the ordering process for IMET and supporting equipment is detailed in Chapter 20 of the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization Guide](#). Conditions of these dispatches are in the [National Interagency Agreement for Meteorological and Other Technical Services](#) publication. When ordering an IMET for a prescribed burn, specify:

- That the request is for a prescribed fire project; and
- Expected number of days the IMET will be deployed.

E. Aviation Operations: Forms, safety elements, maps, resource status, contracts, and guides addressing aviation operations are located on the [NRCC Aviation website](#). Montana state aircraft are not approved for use by federal agencies. Under emergency circumstances, where human life is immediately at risk by wildfire on federal lands under federal protection, a federal line officer can approve the use of non-federally approved aircraft to address the immediate threat. This exemption must only take place when sufficient federal firefighting aircraft are not readily available to meet the emergency need. Per Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations, Chapter 16, “All approved Cooperator aircraft used on federally managed fires shall be released when federal aircraft become reasonably available.”

F. Accident Investigations: See Exhibit J of the Montana Statewide Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (23-FI-11015600-048) for Wildland Fire Incident and Accident Types and Definitions. Exhibit J is intended to inform Protecting Agencies of the types of investigations required by Jurisdictional Agencies related to wildland fire events. Also see Ch. 18 of the Interagency Standards for

Fire and Fire Aviation Operations.

- G. MAC Group Coordination:** The [NR GMAC Operating Handbook](#) provides an interagency forum to prioritize incidents and efficiently allocate, reallocate, or reassign critical resources during periods of resource shortages. The GMAC Group is activated at Northern Rockies Preparedness Level (PL) 4 or above or when wildland fire activities are affecting multiple Zones and there is competition for critical incident resources. There may also be the need to activate GMAC when the National PL is at 5.
- H. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS):** The use of drones and UAS aircraft shall follow applicable state and federal regulations, rules, and/or laws including the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). State and federal agencies using these types of aircraft will coordinate operations in advance and notify respective dispatch centers for potential conflicts with other agency missions. To order UAS, go to <https://uas.nifc.gov/uas-ordering>
- I. Incident Traffic Control and Signing:** Incident traffic control and signing is the responsibility of the Protecting Agency and will follow policy and guidance of the Jurisdictional Agency. The State maintains a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT) for traffic control. Requests for MDOT resources will be ordered through the local dispatch center and documented on a resource order.

VII. BILLING PROCEDURES

- A.** See Exhibit D of the Montana Statewide Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (23-FI-11015600-048). The Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, and Fish and Wildlife Service will not bill each other for suppression costs. However, pre-suppression costs, fair sharing for interagency dispatch center costs, prevention costs, and other non-suppression costs will be billed in accordance with existing SFPAs or other Agreements.

VIII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Principal Contacts:

Refer to Exhibit C of this Sub-Geographic Area Operating Plan – Principal Contacts.

- B. Personnel Policy:** Employees of the Parties to this Sub-Geographic Area Operating Plan shall be subject to the personnel rules, laws, and regulations of their respective agencies unless explicitly provided otherwise, employees of the Parties to this Agreement are considered for all purposes employees of their home agency. Supplemental Fire Department Resources are not applicable in Montana.

C. Modification:

Modifications within the scope of this Sub-Geographic Area Operating Plan shall be made by mutual consent of the Parties, through the issuance of a written modification signed and dated by all Parties prior to any changes being performed. Any Party shall have the right to terminate their participation under this Sub-Geographic Area Operating Plan by providing one-year advance written notice to the other Parties. The Montana

Statewide Operating Plan will be reviewed annually for currency and will remain in effect until it is terminated by the mutual consent of all agencies involved or superseded by an updated Montana Statewide Operating Plan. **The formal review period for modification(s) will be provided by March 1.** Agency policy or direction change for any signatory party that affects this agreement would automatically be modified therein.

Modifications that are minor in nature, including changes to principal contact information, etc., will be reviewed annually and concurred to by all Parties; however, new signatures will not be required.

In the interest of efficiency, modifications to the agreement will be distributed electronically for signature. Signatory officials should respond with an electronic signature and date. Once all signatures have been obtained, an electronic version of the modification will be emailed to the principal contacts as listed in Exhibit C of this Sub-Geographic Area Operating Plan.

D. Annual Review:

This Operating Plan is reviewed annually by **March 1st** and revised, as needed.

E. Duration of Operating Plan:

This Operating Plan is executed as of the date of last signature and remains in effect through December 31, 2027, unless modified or superseded.

F. Previous Instruments Superseded:

Exhibit C of the 2017-2023 Montana Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Protection and Stafford Act Response Agreement

*USFS #17-FI-11015600-010, (BLM# L17FMA00001) (NPS# F1249170001)
(BIA# 17P00FM0001 / 17C00440901)*

G. Authorized Representatives:

All signatories to this Sub-Geographic Area Operating Plan certify that the individuals listed in this document are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this Sub-Geographic Area Operating Plan.

IX. REVIEW AND SIGNATURES

The Geographic Area Operating Plan will be approved by the signatory state and federal agency member agencies.

The Statewide Operating Plans will be approved by the signatory state and federal agency members. This is the Fire Management Director level for the agency.

Unit Administrators will have the responsibility for developing and approving sub-geographic area operating plans.

Each signatory agency may have policies/procedures for entering into agreements (including this Operating Plan) that require additional review by attorneys, agreement specialists, or contracting officers.

**Emily Platt, Forest Supervisor,
Forest Service, Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest**

Date

**Clive Rooney, Area Manager,
State of Montana, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Northeastern Land Office**

Date

**Paul Santavy, Project Leader,
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, C.M.R. National Wildlife Refuge Complex**

Date

**Susan Messerly, Regional Director,
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rocky Mountain Region**

Date

**Philip D'Amo, District Manager,
Bureau of Land Management, North Central Montana District**

Date

**Sub-Geographic Area Operating Plan 2023-2027
Tier 3 Interagency Dispatch Center Operations**

EXHIBIT A: Interagency Dispatch Center Shared Contributions Spreadsheet

* This Operating Plan does not authorize the exchange of funds; a Supplemental Fire Project Agreement or Interagency Agreement (Fed to Fed) must be executed. This Spreadsheet can be utilized as the Financial Plan to the SFPA and/or IA.

Labor																			
Current Org Structure	Grade Base	2021	OPM Pay Table	Estimated Cost to GOV (Base * 1.40)	Planned Funding	Projected Labor Over Next 5 Years (5% Annual Increase Used)					Total 5 year Cost								
						2022	2023	2024	2025	2026									
PFT Center Manager	GS-11/5	\$	76,810.00	\$	107,534.00	\$	107,534.00	\$	112,910.70	\$	118,556.24	\$	124,484.05	\$	130,708.25	\$	137,243.66	\$	623,902.89
PFT Assistant Center Manager	GS-9/5	\$	65,250.00	\$	91,350.00	\$	91,350.00	\$	95,917.50	\$	100,713.38	\$	105,749.04	\$	111,036.50	\$	116,588.32	\$	530,004.74
CS Supply Technician*	GS-7/5	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
CS Lead Dispatcher	GS-7/5	\$	49,508.00	\$	69,311.20	\$	34,655.60	\$	36,388.38	\$	38,207.80	\$	40,118.19	\$	42,124.10	\$	44,230.30	\$	201,068.77
2 BLM Temp = 0.66 FTE	GS-5/1	\$	35,265.00	\$	32,584.86	\$	32,584.86	\$	34,214.10	\$	35,924.81	\$	37,721.05	\$	39,607.10	\$	41,587.46	\$	189,054.52
1 FWS Temp = 0.34 FTE	GS-5/1	\$	35,265.00	\$	16,786.14	\$	16,786.14	\$	17,625.45	\$	18,506.72	\$	19,432.06	\$	20,403.66	\$	21,423.84	\$	97,391.72
Totals:					\$	282,910.60	\$	297,056.13	\$	311,908.94	\$	327,504.38	\$	343,879.60	\$	361,073.58	\$	1,641,422.63	
Average Annual Cost (5 yr. period)				Estimated Agency Cost Share (Labor and Operations)				Current Average Labor		Current Average		Difference							
								Obligation		Operational		% of Fires		% of Time					
Center Manager	\$	124,780.58					MT DNRC	\$	75,044.95	% of Fires	\$	91,352.36	% of Fires	\$	(60,888.29)	% of Time	\$	(77,195.69)	
Assistant Center Manager	\$	106,000.95					USFS	\$	7,657.65	% of Fires	\$	3,965.97	% of Fires	\$	(7,657.65)	% of Time	\$	(3,965.97)	
Supply Technician	\$	-					BLM	\$	99,549.43	% of Fires	\$	188,405.80	% of Fires	\$	154,869.62	% of Time	\$	66,013.25	
Lead Dispatcher	\$	40,213.75					BIA	\$	206,756.50	% of Fires	\$	22,312.37	% of Fires	\$	(206,756.50)	% of Time	\$	(22,312.37)	
BLM Temp = 0.66 FTE	\$	37,810.90					FWS	\$	30,630.59	% of Fires	\$	113,602.63	% of Fires	\$	94,848.70	% of Time	\$	11,876.67	
FWS Temp = 0.34 FTE	\$	19,478.34																	
	\$	328,284.53																	
						Estimated Annual Baseline Cost:						\$	419,639.13						

Operational Costs														
Projected Operational Costs, Next 5 Years (5% Annual Increase Used)														
From the LEC Annual Financial Plan	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total 5 year Cost							
Facilities/Lease:	\$	4,297.00	\$	4,511.85	\$	4,737.44	\$	4,974.31	\$	5,223.03	\$	5,484.18	\$	24,930.82
Service/Communications:	\$	20,000.00	\$	21,000.00	\$	22,050.00	\$	23,152.50	\$	24,310.13	\$	25,525.63	\$	116,038.26
Misc. Supplies:	\$	15,000.00	\$	15,750.00	\$	16,537.50	\$	17,364.38	\$	18,232.59	\$	19,144.22	\$	87,028.69
Utilities:	\$	14,389.00	\$	15,108.45	\$	15,863.87	\$	16,657.07	\$	17,489.92	\$	18,364.42	\$	83,483.72
Janitorial:	\$	22,042.00	\$	23,144.10	\$	24,301.31	\$	25,516.37	\$	26,792.19	\$	28,131.80	\$	127,885.76
Vehicle:	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,150.00	\$	3,307.50	\$	3,472.88	\$	3,646.52	\$	3,828.84	\$	17,405.74
Totals:	\$	78,728.00	\$	82,664.40	\$	86,797.62	\$	91,137.50	\$	95,694.38	\$	100,479.09	\$	456,772.99
Average Annual Cost (5 yr. period)														
Facilities/Lease:	\$	4,986.16												
Service/Communications:	\$	23,207.65												
Misc. Supplies:	\$	17,405.74												
Utilities:	\$	16,696.74												
Janitorial:	\$	25,577.15												
Vehicle:	\$	3,481.15												
	\$	91,354.60												

Agency Financial Contributions														
Projected Agency Contribution (5% Annual Increase Used)														
From the LEC Annual Financial Plan	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total 5 year Cost							
MT DNRC:	\$	12,200.00	\$	12,810.00	\$	13,450.50	\$	14,123.03	\$	14,829.18	\$	15,570.64	\$	70,783.34
USFS:	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
BLM:	\$	44,480.00	\$	46,704.00	\$	49,039.20	\$	51,491.16	\$	54,065.72	\$	56,769.00	\$	258,069.08
BIA:	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
FWS:	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Totals:	\$	56,680.00	\$	59,514.00	\$	62,489.70	\$	65,614.19	\$	68,894.89	\$	72,339.64	\$	328,852.42
Average Annual Cost (5 yr. period)														
MT DNRC:	\$	14,156.67												
USFS:	\$	-												
BLM:	\$	51,613.82												
BIA:	\$	-												
FWS:	\$	-												
	\$	65,770.48												

Agency Contribution as Percentage of Financial Agreement	
MT DNRC:	21.52%
USFS:	0.00%
BLM:	78.48%
BIA:	0.00%
FWS:	0.00%

EXHIBIT B: Annual Frequency List for Tier 3 Dispatch Center

LEWISTOWN INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER

Fonda Knox, Center Manager
 920 NE Main St.
 Lewistown, MT. 59457
 TEL (406) 538-1072 FAX (406) 538-1062
mtlec@firenet.gov

LEWISTOWN FIELD OFFICE

	PRIMARY		REPEATER	Talk Group
	RECEIVE	TRANSMIT	TRANSMIT	
	FREQ/TONE/NAC (hex)	FREQ/TONE/NAC (hex)	FREQ/TONE/NAC (hex)	
National Flight Following	168.6500 / 110.9	168.6500 / 110.9		
Air Guard (Monitor)	168.6250	168.6250 / 110.9		
Primary Air to Ground IA (MT06) A/G22	168.4000	168.4000		
Secondary Air to Ground IA (MT06) A/G29	166.9000	166.9000		
Primary Air to Air IA (MT06)	124.9250	124.9250		
Lewistown Direct	172.7250 / CSQ / \$F7E	172.7250 / \$293		1
Antoine Butte (BLM RPT)	172.7250 / CSQ / \$F7E		163.1250 / 167.9 / \$68F	1
Judith Peak	172.7250 / CSQ / \$F7E		163.1250 / 100.0 / \$3E8	1
Mt. Royal	172.7250 / CSQ / \$F7E		163.1250 / 131.8 / \$526	1
Opheim	172.7250 / CSQ / \$F7E		163.1250 / 156.7 / \$61F	1
Whitewater	172.7250 / CSQ / \$F7E		163.1250 / 136.5 / \$555	1
Willow Creek	172.7250 / CSQ / \$F7E		163.1250 / 146.2 / \$5B6	1
Williams Coulee	172.7250 / CSQ / \$F7E		163.1250 / 114.8 / \$47C	1
Bears Paw	172.7250 / CSQ / \$F7E		163.1250 / 103.5 / \$40B	1
Highwood Baldy	172.7250 / CSQ / \$F7E		163.1250 / 110.9 / \$455	1
Missouri River Breaks Sites				
Eagle Butte	172.7250 / CSQ / \$F7E		163.1250 / 123.0 / \$4CE	1
Middleton	172.7250 / CSQ / \$F7E		163.1250 / 162.2 / \$656	1
Stafford	172.7250 / CSQ / \$F7E		163.1250 / 107.2 / \$430	1

**Fort Peck Agency BIA is now under LIDC. Currently no Radio Comms with them.*

NORTHEAST LAND OFFICE MT-DNRC

	PRIMARY		REPEATER	Talk Group
	RECEIVE	TRANSMIT	TRANSMIT	
	FREQ/TONE	FREQ/TONE	FREQ/TONE	
NE Land Office Direct	151.175	151.175		
Judith Peak	151.175		151.475 / 114.8	
Antoine Butte	151.1900		159.3600 / 127.3	
Coffin Butte	151.175		151.475 / 192.8	

LEWISTOWN INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER (cont.)

CHARLES M RUSSELL WILDLIFE REFUGE

	PRIMARY		REPEATER	MODE	Analog mode TX and RX will not change	Talk Group
	RECEIVE	TRANSMIT	TRANSMIT			
	FREQ/TONE	FREQ/TONE	FREQ/NAC Code			
Deadman Butte	164.625 / 001		163.1500 / 001	Digital	#D023 for TX tone	5
Judith Peak	164.575 / 003		163.1500 / 003	Digital	#D023 for TX tone	5
Cabin Creek	164.575 / 002		163.1500 / 002	Digital	#D025 for TX tone	5
Antoine Butte	164.625 / 004		163.1500 / 004	Digital	#D026 for TX tone	5
CMR TAC/AG	169.550	169.550		Analog		

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EXHIBIT C: Principal Contacts

*(Program Contacts for Signatory Parties to this SubGeo)

<p>VACANT Center Manager Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Center 303 E. Aztec Dr Lewistown, MT 59457 406-538-1084 Email:</p>	<p>Vacant Assistant Center Manager Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Center 303 E. Aztec Dr. Lewistown, MT 59457 Phone: Email:</p>
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<p>Jim Forsythe FMO MT Fire Zone USFWS 333 Airport Rd. Lewistown, MT 59457 Phone: 406-366-0780 Email: james_forsythe@fws.gov</p>	<p>Andy Schell AFMO MT Fire Zone USFWS 194 Bowdoin Refuge Auto Tour Rd. Malta, MT 59538 Phone: 406-366-4309 Email: andrew_schell@fws.gov</p>
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<p>Adam Wolf FMO Fort Peck BIA 500 Medicine Bear Rd. Poplar, MT 59255 Phone: 406-942-0761 Email: adam.wolf@bia.gov</p>	<p>Matt Plagenz District FMO Judith-Musselshell RD, HLF 809 2nd Av. North Harlowton, MT 59036 Phone: 406-868-7425 Email: mathew.plagenz@usda.gov</p>

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EXHIBIT D: Active Agreements Applicable to this Sub-Geographic Area

TABLE 1 Active Supplemental Fire Project Agreements (SFPAs) executed between a Federal Agency, the State of MT, and/or Local Government Fire Forces within this Tier 3 Dispatch Area.

<i>SFPA #</i>	<i>Participants</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Expiration Date</i>
L23AC00643-00	MT DNRC, MT Dakotas BLM	Prescribed fire or other authorized forest rangeland, and watershed restoration services on lands under BLM Jurisdiction and management.	9/11/2028

TABLE 2 Federal-to-Federal, Interagency Agreements (IAAs), Executed for the purpose of Protection Exchange or Non-Suppression Related Assistance Applicable to this Tier 3 Dispatch Area.

Agreement #	Participants	Title/Purpose	Job Code	Expiration Date
22-IA-11011500-042	USFS and BLM	Forest Service Prescribed Fire Fuels Assistance to BLM	0115NFXF4222	02/28/2027
21-IA-11011500-037	USFS and BLM	USFS assist BLM (fuels)	0115NFXF3716 (\$1,178.40) 0115NFXF3722 (\$9,704.17)	12/31/2025
4500164355	BLM and USFWS	BLM assist USFWS (fuels)	LLMT910000 LF6900000 LRRFEX206100 XXX	07/15/2027
L22PG00038	USFWS and BLM	USFWS assist BLM (fuels)	FF06RFMT00 FRF6900006MTBLM XXX	02/28/2027
F20PG00140	USFS and USFWS	USFS assist USFWS (fuels)		10/01/2025
L22PG00083	USFWS and BLM	USFWS assist BLM (Dispatch)	FF06RFMT00 FRF6900006LECO0 XXX	07/01/2027
23-IA-11015600-074	USFS and BLM	BLM assist USFS (fuels)	LLMTL00300 LF6900000.xx0000 LRRFEX308000 xxx (xx=PE fuels program manager assigns based on the type of fuels work, XXX=fund year)	4/17/2028

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TABLE 3 Other types of Cooperative Fire related agreements, MOUs, and or documents that are in place to describe protection exchange areas between agencies not signatory to this agreement but applicable to this Tier 3 Dispatch Area.

Agreement #	Title/Purpose	Parties Involved	Expiration Date
2023-MT911-003	Cooperative Fire Protection	Bureau of Land Management NCMD, and Blaine County Board of Commissioners	12/31/2027
2023-MT911-002	Cooperative Fire Protection	Bureau of Land Management NCMD, and Phillips County Board of Commissioners	12/31/2027
2023-MT911-004	Cooperative Fire Protection	Bureau of Land Management NCMD, and Valley County Board of Commissioners	12/31/2027

Exhibit E Maps



