

Summary of 2024 changes to Montana Statewide Operating Plan

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33	III. Interagency Cooperation, B. Interagency Resources, 3. 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 Emergency Management Assistant Compact (EMAC) is an agreement to provide mutual assistance during times of disaster, including wildland fire.
33	III. Interagency Cooperation, B. Interagency Resources, 4. Incident Management Teams:	The Northern Rockies Type 1 and Type 2 Incident Management Teams (IMT) are identified annually on NRCC Overhead webpage.	The Northern Rockies Complex and Type 3 Incident Management Teams (IMT) are identified annually on NRCC Overhead webpage.
37	IV. Preparedness, C. Methods of Fire Protection and Suppression, 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 BLM, FWS, NPS, BIA, Forest Service and the State have negotiated an exchange of protection, which redistributes fire protection responsibilities throughout the state.
37	IV. Preparedness, C. Methods of Fire Protection and Suppression, 2. Exchange (Offset) Protection a.:	The master statewide offset map will be adjusted, as needed, every five years in conjunction with the updates to the CWFMA.	The master statewide offset map will be adjusted, as needed, each year in conjunction with the updates to Exhibit C. The Montana Statewide Operating Plan.
42	V. Operations, K.	K. Fire Investigations:	K. Origin and Cause Investigations:
42	V. Operations, K. Origin and Cause Investigations:	<p>1. The Jurisdictional Agency of a human caused wildfire's origin will be the lead agency on all fire trespass and litigation matters following that agency's policies. The Jurisdictional Agency may conduct an investigation into cause and may pursue costs related to suppression operations (suppression repair), resource damage, and area emergency resource rehabilitation.</p> <p>2. The lead Jurisdictional Agency will work with supporting agencies to collect costs (including</p>	<p>1. Generally, jurisdictional agencies will be responsible for conducting origin and cause investigations within their own respective jurisdictions.</p> <p>2. Fires that originate within a jurisdictional boundary and burn onto or affect an adjacent jurisdiction will require agency personnel to coordinate and decide if a joint investigation is appropriate.</p> <p>3. DNRC acknowledges the limitations and authorities on sworn and non-sworn law enforcement federal personnel</p>

		<p>Supporting documentation); federal agencies may collect costs for other federal agencies and distribute any collections that may be received following each agency's policy. Federal agencies cannot collect costs on behalf of the state.</p> <p>3. For fires that affect, threaten, or are adjacent to multiple jurisdictions, agencies leaders will consult each other to determine the lead investigatory agency.</p>	<p>in conducting origin and cause determinations on state- or privately-owned lands not directly adjustment to, threatening or affecting federal lands (36 CFR 261.1 and 43 USC 1733).</p> <p>4. Federal sworn and non-sworn personnel may conduct origin and cause determinations on state- or privately-owned lands by official request from the DNRC or appropriate state agency with jurisdiction where a significant interest to justice or the public is concerned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sworn federal personnel will have signed agreements in place imparting full deputization status with the sheriff's department of the county of the incident's origin. b. Sworn federal personnel will have signed agreements in place imparting full deputization status with the sheriff's department of the county of the incident's origin. <p>5. Federal agencies and DNRC agree to approach wild land fire training, qualifications, task books associated with wild land origin and cause determinations cooperatively.</p>
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