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To: Northern Rockies Interagency Wildland Fire Community

From: Chair, Northern Rockies Coordinating Group

Subject: Fire Suppression Modules

The 2019 Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations Handbook establishes a minimum organization for Suppression Modules for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). One mission of the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group (NRCG) is standardization across the represented agencies within the Northern Rockies Geographic Area. The Northern Rockies Coordinating Group approves adopting the BLM Suppression Module definitions with small adaptations to better align with basic leadership requirements within the faller qualifications and the single resource boss qualifications.

Fire Suppression Module Configuration

Fire Suppression Modules are comprised of five to ten firefighters and are used primarily for wildfire suppression, fuels reduction, and other fire management duties. They are capable of performing self-contained initial attack suppression operations, and can generally provide incident management capability at the Type 5 level.

ATTRIBUTE	REQUIREMENT
Crew Type	Fire Suppression Module
Crew Size	Minimum 5/Maximum 10
Leadership Qualification	1 SRB (ENGB or CRWB)/ICT5 and 2 FFT1
Fire line Capability	Operates as a single module w/T5 command Capability
Language Requirement	All Senior Leadership must be able to read and interpret the language of the crew as well as English
Crew Experience	Agency only
Full-Time Organized Crew	No
Communication	2 programmable handheld radios
Sawyers	1 FAL2 and 1 FAL3
Training	Basic firefighter training or once red carded, 4 hours annual fire line refresher training prior to assignment.
Logistics	Self-sufficient for 48 hours; purchasing authority recommended
Personal Gear	Arrives with crew first aid kit, personal first aid kit, headlamps, 1-qt canteens, web gear, sleeping bags
PPE	All standard designated fire line PPE
Transportation	Own

Table 1- Fire Suppression Module





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Fire Suppression Module Mobilization

Fire Suppression Modules will be statused, tracked, and mobilized in the ROSS system using the resource identifier "Module, Suppression" within the overhead function.

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