



To: Col. Mark Ulvin, Oregon Army National Guard
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 Subject: Updated Ordering Protocols for Oregon Army National Guard Medevac Helicopter

This letter serves as the fifth amendment to the letter dated August 30, 2017 establishing the ordering process for the Oregon Army National Guard medevac helicopter placed on standby for use on wildland fire incidents. This update adds the Horse Creek Complex (to include the Rebel fire) and illustrates the frequencies for High Cascades East Zone and West Zone, providing direct ordering authority for launching the helicopter on a medevac mission.

Ordering Authority

For incident management teams within the area (listed in the table below), the Air Operations Branch Directors, or their designate, are authorized to mobilize the helicopter. Similarly, for initial attack and other resource incidents, the Northwest Coordination Center or designate is authorized to mobilize the helicopter.

Incident	Lat/Long*	Air-to-Air Freq	Air-to-Ground Freq
Whitewater Complex	44 26.07' N 121 56.54' W	127.0250	166.6750
Horse Creek Complex/ Rebel	44 02.41' N 121 59.40' W	133.7250	172.7250
Jones	43 45.185' N 122 30.29' W	126.1500	166.6000
Umpqua North	43 18.96' N 123 04.40' W	132.1000	169.1000
High Cascade West	42 44.653' N 122 29.203' W	126.0250	168.3750
High Cascade East	42 47.79' N 122 11.07' W	128.6750	165.0000
Horse Prairie	42 59.87' N 123 18.96' W	118.1250	170.0000
Eagle Creek	45 37.81' N 121 54.25' W	127.3250	166.8750

*Lat/Longs listed are only a general reference for incident location and not for navigational use. All FM air-to-ground frequencies are narrow band.

Ordering Protocols

In all cases, to facilitate an emergency response, ordering incidents/local units must supply the following 9-line information located in the *Incident Response Pocket Guide* (PMS 461: 108-109):

- Incident status;
- Initial patient assessment;
- Communications frequencies and name of the ground contact;
- Method of ground signal to aircraft if night operations;
- Latitude/Longitude of emergency evacuation;



- Other aircraft operating on or near the incident.

To initiate an emergency response, the ordering incidents must call the phone numbers below, in the order in which they're listed, until contact is made with the Oregon Army National Guard and the medevac response has been confirmed:

Call Order	Number	Contact
1	503-932-5201	Pilot-in-Charge
2	503-932-5331	Co-Pilot
3	503-584-2800	ONG JOC

Helicopter Response Area

The helicopter is intended to respond to emergency evacuation incidents within Western/Central Oregon geographic area, with principal interest for incidents on or near the Cascade Crest. This includes the Willamette, Umpqua, Rogue-Siskiyou and Deschutes National Forests, as well as Oregon Department of Forestry and Bureau of Land Management Units within this same area.

Response Times

During daytime hours (0800 to 2300), a 30 minute or better response time is observed. The helicopter/crew is night vision capable. During nighttime hours (2300 to 0800), a 60 minute or better response time will be observed. After the response is confirmed, ordering incidents will call NWCC Operations, 503-808-2720, notifying them of the medevac flight and details of the emergency.

Time and Cost

Flight hours will be tracked for incidents receiving the helicopter for an emergency response so that appropriate billing can occur. Standby costs will be shared among the incidents listed above. Amendments will be made to this letter as necessary. Billing will follow procedures outlined in 2017 Ops Plan Smokey.

Non-Fire Availability

The wildland agencies recognize the obligations of the Oregon Army National Guard (ORNG) as a component of the Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) and that the medevac helicopter may be called away at any time to fulfill that purpose. The ORNG will notify NWCC Operations (503-808-2720) that the medevac helicopter is no longer available at the time it is launched on an OERS mission. ORNG will make a similar notification when the helicopter is again available for wildland fire use.

Again, thank you for the tremendous support you're providing. Please know that the Incident Commanders of our large incidents have expressed gratitude and relief knowing that your medevac helicopter is standing by in support of firefighters on the ground.