CHAPTER 30
CREWS

MINIMUM CREW STANDARDS FOR NATIONAL MOBILIZATION
For a detailed description of minimum crew standards see Interagency Standards for Fire and Aviation
Operations (Redbook), Chapter 13-16, Firefighter Training and Qualifications at:
http://www.nifc.gov/PUBLICATIONS/redbook/2016/Chapter13.pdf
Refer to NMG 30 for additional crew information.

CREW NAMING CONVENTIONS
All crews at a minimum will carry the **GACC Designator (NW)**, **Unit Name**, and **Unit Crew Name**. Units
could number their NW crews starting with number one (#1) and continue on using consecutive numbers
through the year. This naming convention identifies the crews as Northwest (NW), which differentiates
them from contract crews. This also helps to identify them in case of incidents within incidents. If
employees from more than one unit comprise the crew, it is recommended the crew name use the agency
of the crew boss. Examples follow:

TYPE 1 CREWS – HOTSHOT
These crews are identified by Crew Name; i.e., CREW – T1 – Warm Springs IHC.

TYPE 2 CREWS – NORTHWEST REGULARS
All crews assembled on the Unit from regular employees and those hired through the "AD" process, at a
minimum, will carry the GACC Designator (NW), Unit Name, Unit Crew Name. They will be identified in
ROSS as CREW – T2 – NW – OLF #1.

TYPE 2 INITIAL ATTACK CREWS – T2IA NORTHWEST REGULARS
Crews can be broken into squads to conduct initial attack, fire line construction and firing to include
burnout operations. They will be identified in ROSS as CREW – T2IA – NW – OLF #1.

JOB CORPS CREWS
If the crew is a firefighting crew they will be identified as CREW – T2 (orT2IA) – NW – MHF JCC #1. Job
Corp Camp crews will be identified in ROSS as CREW – CAMP – NW – MHF JCC #1.

SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CREWS
Crews will be identified in ROSS as CREW – T2IA – NW – VAD SRV #1 or as CREW – T2 NW – VAD
SRV #1.

CONTRACT CREWS
Interagency Contract Crews will be identified using their Best Value ranking and vendor name. They will
be identified in ROSS as CREW – T2 (orT2IA) – 001 – NORTH PACIFIC FORESTRY.

CAMP CREWS
Will be identified in ROSS as CREW – CAMP – NW – WSA #5 or CREW – CAMP – NW – MHF JCC #1

TYPE I INTERAGENCY HOTSHOT CREWS
For a complete list of all Type 1 Interagency Hotshot Crews refer to:
http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/people/hotshots/IHC_index.html

MOBILIZING PNW IHC CREWS

The NW MAC has the authority to direct, allocate, or reallocate resources within the Pacific Northwest Geographic Area. In the absence of a seated MAC, this authority is delegated to the NWCC Center Manager, who is responsible at all times for implementation of allocation/reallocation decisions.

Strategic priorities of the Geographic Area and the best interests of the ordering unit/incident are the primary considerations for any IHC mobilization. IHC mobilization assumes crews are available and prepared for dispatch.

NW MOBILIZATION
> Initial/Extended Attack: Closest forces concept will generally direct IHC mobilization.
> Large Fire/Project Support: The IHC best able to meet date/time needed has mobilization priority.

NATIONAL MOBILIZATION
> The IHC rotation schedule will govern OUT-OF-GACC mobilization, except where superseded by GACC strategic or ordering unit considerations.

PNW IHC STATUS DEFINITIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

AVAILABLE: ON-DUTY

IHCs present at their duty stations or engaged in GACC on project work for their local unit are "AVAILABLE" for assignment. Generally, On-Duty IHCs have mobilization priority over off-duty IHCs.

AVAILABLE: OFF-DUTY

IHCs on days off are considered "Available" for mobilization. The exceptions are crews on mandatory days off in accordance with work rest guidelines. Off-duty IHCs will be able to be mobilized within 2 hours of their receipt of orders in accordance with the Standards for Interagency Hotshot Crew Operations. If an off-duty IHC is unable to meet the 2 hour mobilization requirement, the order will be passed to another available IHC.

COMMITTED

IHCs assigned to an incident are "committed" and unavailable for any other assignment, unless reallocated by NWCC.

UNAVAILABLE

IHCs statused as "Unavailable" **will not** be considered for mobilization. Crews taking mandatory days off are Unavailable.

MOBILIZING JET LOAD OF IHCs

In general, IHCs best able to meet the date/time requirement to the jet port will be mobilized to fill orders for a "jet load" of crews (normally 5 crews). The IHC rotation will be followed if the top-seated crews can meet the date/time requirement to the jetport.

PNW IHC ROTATION FOR OUT-OF-GEOGRAPHIC AREA MOBILIZATION INTENT

The intent of the NW Geographic Area IHC Rotation is to improve communication, provide a planning tool for the Crew Supervisors, and to distribute Out-Of-GACC mobilizations among all PNW IHCs. In accordance with the NW Mobilization Guide, mobilization assumes IHCs are available and ready for dispatch, and have enough duty days remaining to effectively accomplish an Out-Of-GACC assignment.

ROTATION GUIDELINES
- ➢ Crews are considered "available" when they are prepared to depart for an assignment within two hours after receipt of a resource request.
- ➢ A rotation is used for out-of-area assignments. The order of rotation for IHC assignments out of the PNW geographic area will be determined at the beginning of the fire season by the order in which each IHC certification checklist is completed and received by the NWCC.
- ➢ Available crews will be dispatched in sequential rotation based on this list. Crews returning from an out-of-area assignment will be placed at the bottom of the rotation based on their actual available date and time.
- ➢ If the first crew is not available at the time of an out-of-area request, the next crew in rotation will be selected for the assignment. The unavailable crew will maintain their place in the rotation and will be dispatched in sequence when they return to available status.
- ➢ Crews whose orders are cancelled or that return home prior to being checked in for assignment retain their place in the rotation.
- ➢ Crews mobilized together to and from an assignment on the same dates will be returned to the bottom of the rotation in the same order as when dispatched unless crews elect to take additional R&R days.
- ➢ An out of GACC assignment includes crews that are pre-positioned or assigned to staging.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
IHC Crew Supervisors
- ➢ Notify their host Dispatch Center Manager of changes in crew status.
- ➢ Coordinate with Region 6 IHC Chair and/or Co-Chair on any comments or issues.

Dispatch Center Managers
- ➢ Serve as the primary point of contact for the Geographic Area for their hosted IHCs.
- ➢ Responsible for keeping IHC status current in ROSS.

NWCC Center Manager
- ➢ Maintains the IHC rotation schedule; daily updates will be posted to NWCC Shared Resources web page.
- ➢ Shared rationale for necessary deviations from the schedule rotation.
- ➢ Works with SORO Operations to resolve issues.
- ➢ In case of disputes, the NWCC Assistant Center Manager will have the discretion to set the rotation after consulting with SORO Operations and the affected IHC(s).

SORO Operations
- ➢ Works with NWCC Center Manager to resolve issues.
- ➢ Works with Region 6 IHC Chair or Co-Chair to resolve issues.
- ➢ Assists with keeping communications between NWCC and IHCs OPEN.

TYPE 1 CREWS-INTERAGENCY HOTSHOTS-NORTHWEST AREA				
CREW NAME	AVAILABLE DATES	SUPERINTENDENT	HOST	DAYS OFF
BAKER RIVER	5-06	Kurt Ranta	PSC	Sun/Mon
ENTIAT	5-23	Ian Morgan	CWC	Fri/Sat
LA GRANDE	5-25	Josh Diacetis	BMC	Sun/Mon
LAKEVIEW - T	5-01	Mike McGirr	LFC	Fri/Sat/Sun
PRINEVILLE	4-14	Eric Miller	COC	Fri/Sat
REDMOND	6-05	Neil Austin	COC	Sun/Mon
ROGUE RIVER	4-08	Aaron Schuh	RVC	Fri/Sat
UNION	5-25	Jody Prummer	BMC	Fri/Sat
VALE	5-28	Bart Yeager	VAC	Sat/Sun
WARM SPRINGS	5-02	Gary Sampson Jr.	WSC	Sat/Sun
WINEMA	4-18	David Lilly	LFC	Fri/Sat
WOLF CREEK	4-18	Jake Garate	UPC	Sun/Mon
ZIGZAG	6-03	Diego Mendiola	CCC	Fri/Sat

TYPE 2 AND TYPE 2IA CREWS Refer to NMG 30

NORTHWEST REGULAR
Many units in the Northwest host T2 and T2IA Agency crews. Qualified Supervisors, equipment, and meals should be furnished (as appropriate) when crews are dispatched.

SNAKE RIVER VALLEY (SRV) CREWS
All requests for SRV Crews will be made to NWCC except for Units covered under the "neighborhood concept" or other units having a written Initial Attack Agreement with the Vale District.

During periods of Crew Representative (CREP) shortages, Vale District will determine CREP needs. When a CREP or Agency Representative is managing more than one crew, they will not always be with the crew on the line. Communication should be done through the Crew boss of each individual crew. Bus transportation will be used when individual vehicles are not an option. SRV crews are assembled on an "as available" rotation basis. They are available for use on a National basis as the need arises. Pay status begins when the crews are assembled and ready to depart for the incident. Crews are paid for travel time. If crews are mobilized and later canceled, the Crew is paid a minimum of two (2) hours or the duration of mobilization (to the nearest 30 minutes), whichever is greater.
SRV Coordinator: Tom Cuellar 541-473-6350

NORTHWEST VETERAN CREWS
Firefighting crews composed of military veterans are hosted by Medford and Spokane BLM Districts. They are organized for primary firefighting duties and are intended to provide initial attack and large fire support.

For the purpose of training and providing additional support, modules or individuals may be ordered by requests coordinated with the host units. Crews may have needs beyond those of normal firefighters.

Medford - 12 firefighters including regular federal employees attached as crew boss and squad bosses to comprise a 20 person crew.   Contact Natalie Simrell, AFMO 541-618-2241 or 541-941-4164.

Spokane - 10 firefighters, the crew can be utilized for initial attack, or combined with other interagency personnel for large fire support configured in a 20 person crew. Contact Richard Parrish, FMO 509-981-9653, or Erik Smith, Crew foreman 509-981-1263.

TYPE 2 AND T2IA CREW NUMBER BY HOST

HOST	TYPE 2	TYPE 2IA	HOST	TYPE 2	TYPE 2IA
BIC		1	JDC		2
BMC	1	2	LFC		
CAC	1	1	RVC	1	
CCC	1	1	NEC		2
COC	1	1	PSC		1
CVC		2	UPC	1	
CWC		7	VAC		8
EIC	1	3	YAC	1	

CAMP CREWS

Camp crews are composed of approximately 10 persons including supervisor to support an incident's camp.

CREW NAME	# CREWS	HOST	CREW NAME	# CREWS	HOST
Angell Camp Crew	2	CVC	Quinault Camp Crew	1	OLC
Burns Camp Crew	1	BIC	Snake River Valley	3	VAC
COFMS Camp Crew	1	COC	Timber Lake Camp Crew	2	CCC
Columbia Basin Job Corp	2	CWC	Warm Springs Camp	6	WSA
Curlew Camp Crews	2	NEC	Wolf Creek Camp Crew	3	UPC
Fort Simcoe	1	CWC	Yakama Camp Crews	2	YAC

STATE INMATE CREWS

The States of Oregon and Washington have inmate crews available for firefighting. The crews may be obtained through the local State dispatch office under the neighborhood concept (refer to NWMG 10). (NOTE- the Oregon inmate crews may not leave their respective "home" District without the order being placed through the Salem Coordination Center). Requests for crews outside the neighborhood concept will be placed through NWCC, who will relay the order to the appropriate State (ORS Salem Coordination Center or WAS State Headquarters Fire Control, Olympia).

These crews are configured as 10-person crews; therefore to obtain 20 people, 2 ten-person crews need to be ordered. Oregon inmate crews **CANNOT** leave the state, but Washington inmate crews can be utilized outside the State of Washington, with WAS approval.

Inmate crews come with a State crew boss, a State correction officer, tools, power saws, and their own transportation. Washington inmate crews also come with two (2) Liaisons for each non-local dispatch of multiple crews. Refer to the appropriate State's fire mobilization guide for further information.
STATE INMATE CREW will be identified as: CREW – T2 – OR – SOUTHFORK #1 or CREW – CAMP – OR – SOUTHFORK #2, or CREW – T2 – WA - LARCH #1

CONTRACT AGREEMENT CREWS

The dispatching of all Contract/Agreement resources in the Northwest will be done through Host Units. Host Units have been designated for the National Contract Crews (NCC), refer to NMG 30, and the Pacific Northwest Interagency Firefighting Crew Agreement resources (PNWIFCA).

MOBILIZATION OF NCC T2IA CREWS

The following are the dispatch priorities utilized by the designated Host Units for National Contract Crews (NCC) and Pacific Northwest Interagency Firefighting Crew Agreement Resources (PNWIFCA).
1. Agency and Agency Cooperator (BIA, BLM, NPS, USFS, USFWS, ORS, and WAS)
2. National Contract Crews
3. Pacific Northwest Crew Agreement

Each Host Unit is required to give dispatch priority to its assigned NCC for emergency incident assignments on non-tribal, Federal lands BEFORE all other contractually obtained Type 2 and Type 2 IA crew resources.

Each Host Unit to which more than one NCC are assigned must follow the rotation procedures as described in C.12.c. The intent of the rotation is to balance dispatch opportunities, not achieve equity in terms of days assigned.

Upon receiving a dispatch call, the Contractor has one (1) hour to confirm availability. Contractor will have at a maximum two (2) hours after order has been confirmed to start traveling to the Government designated site. The Government will estimate the travel time to and from the incident. For planning purposes, travel time via ground transportation shall be calculated by driving distance (from point of origin to incident and return, or incident to incident) by average travel speed of 45 mph, however, consider Driver Limitation posted in Exhibit J in contract and IFCA specifications. If available at the time of dispatch, the government may use an automated travel program to calculate and document travel distance from point of origin to the incident.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST INTERAGENCY FIREFIGHTING CREW AGREEMENT (PNWIFCA) MOBILIZATION PROCEDURES (February 12, 2015)

Objectives
➢ Ensure timely response with suppression resources to meet suppression objectives.
➢ Ensure cost-effective fire suppression through maximum use of Best Value resources.
➢ Clearly establish and communicate Agency-specific mobilization procedures for IFCA resources.
➢ Publish established procedures in the NW Interagency Mobilization Guide.

NOTE #1: Mobilization procedures drafted in this document apply only to Interagency Firefighting Crew Agreement (IFCA) resources. They DO NOT address VIPR or other nationally contracted resources.
NOTE #2: Procedures below apply only to IFCA mobilization to NW Geographic Area incidents. Out of GACC mobilizations are not addressed in this section.
NOTE #3: On incidents where fire conditions warrant an immediate deployment of resources, a closer available resource may be used to fill an order over a higher Best Value ranked resource.

Federal/Interagency and WDNR Hosted PNWIFCA mobilization procedures for ALL incidents.
Incidents on Host Units for IFCA Resources
➢ Locally hosted IFCA resources will be dispatched based on available closest forces in Best Value ranking order.

> If all available resources are depleted within the local Host Unit, orders will be placed with neighboring Host Unit(s). Neighboring Host Unit will fill orders based on Best Value ranking within the Host Unit with the available resources that can meet incident needs.
> If all available resources are depleted within the Host Unit and its neighboring Unit(s), orders for additional resources on federal incidents will be placed with NWCC. Orders for additional resources on WDNR incidents will be placed with Olympia Dispatch Center. NWCC and Olympia Dispatch will place the order with the Host Unit(s) closest to the incident. Orders will be filled based on Best Value ranking within the Host Unit with available resources that can meet Incident needs.

Incidents on Units That Are Not Host Units for IFCA Resources
> Resource order will be placed with neighboring Host Unit(s). Neighboring Unit will fill order based on Best Value ranking within the Host Unit with available resources that can meet Incident needs.
> If all available resources are depleted within the neighboring Unit(s), orders for additional resources on federal incidents will be placed with NWCC. Orders for additional resources on WDNR incidents will be placed with Olympia Dispatch. NWCC and Olympia Dispatch will place the order with the Host Unit(s) closest to the incident. Orders will be filled based on Best Value ranking within the Host Unit with available resources that can meet incident needs.

For Type 1, 2 and multiple burn period Type 3 incidents at Preparedness Level 3 and above, if all available resources are depleted within the Host Unit, orders for additional resources on federal incidents will be placed with NWCC. Orders for additional resources on WDNR incidents will be placed with Olympia Dispatch Center, who will pass them on to NWCC. NWCC will fill orders based on the strategic needs of the geographic area as determined by the Multi-Agency Coordination Group (MAC). In general, NWCC will place the order with the Host Unit(s) closest to the incident, which will then fill by Best Value ranking.

Dispatching to ODF Incidents
Initial Attack
> Locally hosted IFCA resources will be dispatched based on available closest forces in Best Value ranking order that can meet incident needs.
> If all available IFCA resources located within the Host Unit have been depleted, or the local ODF Unit Dispatch does not host IFCA resources, orders will be placed with neighboring Host Units and filled by Best Value ranking from available resources that can meet incident needs.
> Once all available IFCA resources are depleted within the neighboring Host Unit(s), additional orders are placed with SCC. SCC will place the order with the Host Unit(s) closest to the incident. Orders will be filled based on Best Value ranking within the Host Unit with available resources that can meet incident needs.
> If for any reason a resource is ordered directly from a Contractor, a telephone call will be made at the earliest opportunity to alert that resource's Host Dispatch Center upon confirmation that the resource has been committed. The Ordering Dispatch Center will then place the resource order in ROSS accordingly.

For Type 1, 2 and multiple burn period Type 3 incidents (**through Preparedness Level 2**)
> Locally hosted IFCA resources will be dispatched in Best Value ranking order from available resources that can meet incident needs.
> If all available resources located within the Host Unit have been depleted, or the local ODF Unit Dispatch does not host IFCA resources, orders will be placed with neighboring Host Units and filled by Best Value ranking from available resources that can meet incident needs.

➢ Once Host Unit and neighboring Host Unit resources are depleted, additional orders are placed with SCC. SCC will place the order to NWCC, which will fill orders using regional (Washington & Oregon) Best Value ranking with available resources that can meet incident needs.

➢ On incidents where fire conditions warrant an immediate deployment of resources, a closer available resource may be used to fill an order over a higher Best Value ranked resource. When dispatching closest resources and several can meet the criteria, order of dispatch will be based on Best Value ranking.

➢ If for any reason a resource is ordered directly from a Contractor, a telephone call will be made at the earliest opportunity to alert that resource's Host Dispatch Center upon confirmation that the resource has been committed. The Ordering Dispatch Center will then place the resource order in ROSS accordingly.

At Preparedness Level 3 and above
All orders will be placed with SCC and forwarded on to NWCC. NWCC will fill orders based on the strategic needs of the geographic area as determined by the Northwest Multi-Agency Coordination Group (NWMAC). In general, NWCC will place the order with the Host Unit(s) closest to the incident, which will then fill by Best Value ranking.
Initial Attack

➢ Locally hosted IFCA resources will be dispatched based on available closest forces in Best Value ranking order that can meet incident needs.

➢ If all available IFCA resources located within the Host Unit have been depleted, or the local ODF Unit Dispatch does not host IFCA resources, orders will be placed with neighboring Host Units and filled by Best Value ranking from available resources that can meet incident needs.

➢ Once all available IFCA resources are depleted within the neighboring Host Unit(s), additional orders are placed with SCC. SCC will place the order with the Host Unit(s) closest to the incident. Orders will be filled based on Best Value ranking within the Host Unit with available resources that can meet incident needs.

➢ If for any reason a resource is ordered directly from a Contractor, a telephone call will be made at the earliest opportunity to alert that resource's Host Dispatch Center upon confirmation that the resource has been committed. The Ordering Dispatch Center will then place the resource order in ROSS accordingly.