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Northwest MAC Group Surge Task Force (STF) Procedures August 10, 2018

Background: There are several “Surge Task Force” (STF) resources on incidents throughout the Northwest Geographic Area under the control of NW MAC.

- Surge Task Forces may consist of a combination of contract and agency resources assigned to incidents with the intent of providing operational support for critical missions limited to periods of 3-4 days.
- NW MAC will contact incidents hosting a Surge Task Force before the STF’s 4th operational period and evaluate whether the STF will be moved (mission has been met/or will not meet intent of mission) or if the STF will stay for a short duration longer (mission close to being met).
- Surge Task Force resources are not intended to fill resource requests for specific assignment to the incident. They remain under the direction of NW MAC until released from service.

Implementation Procedures:

Requesting Surge Task Force Resources

- The request for a Surge Task Force should be recommended by the IC on the [Critical Mission Resource Request form](#).
 - https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/content/products/2019_Critical_Mission_Surge_Request_Fillable_Form.pdf
- The request should generally be submitted at least 2 days in advance of its need on the incident.

Ordering & Incident Tracking

- The incident will place an order for “Strike Team—Crew” with Expanded Dispatch. Expanded will document in Special Needs “Surge Task Force—Crew” and pass the order to NWCC.
- Upon receiving the request, NWCC Operations will coordinate with NW MAC Support to assign specific crew resources to the Surge Task Force.
- Surge Task Forces will be numbered sequentially as they are ordered and mobilized: Surge Group #1, Surge Group #2 and so on. Assigned STF numbers will only be utilized once each calendar year.
- Surge Task Force resources will be assembled on the incident and notified of their status and purpose as a Surge Task Force.
- Once a Surge Task Force has completed its mission, it will be released from the incident and reassigned under the direction of the NW MAC to the requesting incident with the next highest mission priority. If the next mission is on the same incident, no change in status is necessary.



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Check-in & Finance

When a Surge Task Force is assigned to an incident they are treated the same as other resources on the incident for check-in and finance.

- The Surge Task Force should not be treated as lend/lease like has been in the past. The STF will be assigned to hosting incidents approved by NW MAC.
- Time will be turned in to finance and an OF-286 or OF-288 will be generated for each incident a Surge Task Force is assigned.

Dissolving the Surge Task Force

Surge Task Forces will “dissolve” under two circumstances:

- The Surge Task Force has accomplished its mission and no other critical missions remain
 - In this case, STF will be released from the incident and the resources will be reassigned as single resources on the incident to which they are presently assigned.
- Surge Task Force resources are timing out and no other resources are available to take their place.
 - The STF will be released from the incident; timing out resources will be released to home and resources with time remaining will be reassigned to the incident.