

# 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/2015/Chapter13.pdf>

## Crews hosted by CWICC

CWICC hosts a number of federal, state, and contract/agreement crews. Crews will be ordered as Type 1, Type 2, or Type 2 IA (initial attack). Agency crews will always have priority over contract/agreement crews. CWICC also hosts several local Job Corps camp crews and can mobilize inmate crews to Washington DNR fires.

### Type 1 Interagency Hotshot Crew (IHC)

Entiat IHC is considered a national resource by the National Interagency Coordination Center and can be dispatched nationally within two hours. If available, the crew can be utilized locally for initial attack and project work. A commit notification will be sent out each time Entiat IHC is committed to an incident.

**Mobilization Procedures:** The Columbia River Division Duty Officer will be contacted to confirm that Entiat IHC is available for local assignments. The IHC Superintendent or Foreman will be contacted directly for off district assignments. The Duty Officer will then be given a courtesy call about the off district assignment.

The IHC Superintendent or Foreman will provide CWICC with a current crew manifest and all ROSS resource orders will be emailed to the IHC Superintendent and the Columbia River Division Duty Officer.

### Type 2 IA Crews

Crew Name	District	Agency	Crew Boss	Days Off
Crew 22	Chelan	USFS	Ben Woodward	Fri/Sat
Crew 33	Cle Elum	USFS	Tod Flowers	Fri/Sat
Crew 43	Methow	USFS	Chad Bresnahan	Sun/Mon
Crew 52	Entiat	USFS	VACANT	Sun/Mon
Crew 74	Wenatchee River	USFS	Walter Escobar	Sat/Sun
Crew 83	Naches	USFS	Jason Obringer	Sun/Mon
Crew 93	Tonasket	USFS	Dan Gleason	Wed/Thur
Ahtanum	Yakima	DNR	Jason Hoerner	Sun/Mon

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## **Federal Type 2IA Crew Rotation**

The crew rotation is set by the FMO's and the Forest Fire Staff each spring and typically resumes where the rotation ended the previous fall. The rotation is posted on the CWICC webpage under "USFS Crew Rotation."

The rotation is designed to give each crew an equal opportunity to mobilize to a large fire on the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest or to a large incident off forest. During times of high fire danger, the Forest Duty Officer will approve whether or not a crew is available to take an assignment. Otherwise, CWICC personnel will follow the rotation to the best of their ability when filling crew orders. If a district turns down an assignment, the next district on the rotation will be called, and so forth.

## **Contract/Agreement Crews**

CWICC hosts two National Type 2IA crews and approximately seven Type 2 Pacific Northwest Agreement crews. The National Contract Crews will always be dispatched before the Pacific Northwest Agreement crews.

Per the Northwest Interagency Mobilization guide, upon receiving a dispatch call, the contractor has one hour to confirm availability. The contractor will have a maximum of two hours after the order has been confirmed to start traveling to the designated site.

## **Job Corps Camp Crews**

The Columbia Basin Job Corps in Moses Lake, and the Fort Simcoe Job Corps in White Swan, can mobilize ten person camp crews as needed. Job corps students are hired as administratively employees and the job corps centers provide transportation. Rob Kephart is the Job Corps Liaison between the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest and the two centers. He will be the primary contact when CWICC receives orders for camp crews, he can be reached at 509-607-6597. If he cannot be reached, the job corps centers can be contacted directly.

## **Inmate Crews**

Inmate crews are available through the Washington DNR and are composed of 8-10 crewmembers, plus leadership and corrections officers. They are mostly self-sufficient and come with tools and transportation. They may require separate eating and sleeping areas on some incidents. Wildfire Division in Olympia will provide any additional overhead that the crew or incident requires.