

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF CHANGES

### 2026 CALIFORNIA INTERAGENCY STANDARDS FOR RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

#### **Global Changes:**

Updated: 2026 National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization (NISRM) updates reflected within the CISRM

Updated: Expired hyperlinks throughout the document

Updated: Expired contact information throughout the document

Updated: Replaced “inmate firefighter” with “incarcerated firefighter”

Updated: New CFMA agreement with current dates

Removed: References to Interagency Cache Business Systems (ICBS)

Updated: Created new cover page

#### **Chapter 10 Objectives, Policy, Scope of Operations, and Administration**

Updated: Cal OES Regional Mutual Aid Coordinators map

Updated: Multiple Cal OES Regional/Op Area Ordering responsibility units

#### **Travel Mobilization and Demobilization**

Updated:

*“Commercial Airlines travel will be documented in individual orders using the current ordering system of record, including attaching the itinerary if available”*

Removed: **Emergency Demobilization**

*“For emergency release of a resource, the Emergency Release Form will be completed by the host ECC and submitted to the GACC. Refer to Appendix page 181.”*

#### **Chapter 20 Overhead and Teams**

Removed: **Interagency Incident Business Advisors (INBA) – Federal**

Replaced with: **Incident Contract Project Inspector (ICPI) – Federal**

*“Assist the incident with contract administration and ensure contract compliance with VIPR resources through technical fire contract inspection. ICPI’s can be ordered for incident or regional support needs by contacting Jennifer Wells, Fire Contract Operations/VIPR/R5 Lead ICPI Inspector at 530-394-8042.”*

**Cal OES -Team Status Reporting -**

Updated:

*“Monday morning by 1000, teams that are available for statewide or national mobilization will status in Fire Asset Status Tracker (FAST) application.”*

**Removed: Cal OES Duration of Assignments -**

*“A deployment should last no longer than 14 days (excluding travel).”*

**Buying Unit Teams (BUYT)– Federal**

Updated:

*“The interagency surge structure implemented in 2025 proved effective and scalable. Based on after action feedback and joint coordination between the U.S. Forest Service’s At Incident Management Support (AIMS) and Department of Interior’s Remote Incident Support (IRIS), procurement support is further aligned and strengthened for 2026.*

*In 2026, the Buying Team (BUYT) model will transition to the Expanded Procurement Support Organization (EPSO). Under EPSO, procurement support is provided through the coordinated USFS AIMS and DOI IRIS surge structures. Support is configured to meet the incident’s needs and may include micro-purchase support, warranted contracting support, or both. Support may be provided remotely or on-site depending on resource availability.”*

**Removed: Review, Audit, Process Team (RAP) -Federal****Medical Emergency Response Teams (MERT) – CAL FIRE**

Updated:

*“MERT is ordered when a significant commitment of California Department of Corrections and Re-habilitation (CDCR) inmate firefighters are assigned to an incident. A MERT is typically made up of three personnel consisting of a registered nurse and two medical technical assistants to provide medical assistance to inmate firefighters. Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT): A team composed of three CDCR medical personnel consisting of a registered nurse and two medical technical assistants equipped to provide medical services for incarcerated firefighters.”*

**Rapid Extraction Support Module (REMS) -**

Updated:

*“A pre-staged rescue team assigned to provide firefighters safe egress off the fireline in the event of an injury/illness during firefighting operations.*

*Order in the current ordering system of record under Overhead, REMS - Module, Rapid Extraction Support, Type 1-3”*

**Watershed Emergency Response Teams (WERT) – CAL FIRE**

Updated:

- *A WERT is ordered through the incident as name requests and placed to the GACC.*
- *WERT staffing can vary depending on available staff and size of the incident.*

- *When ordering a WERT it should include in special needs if they are working remotely.*
- *Filling Non-CAL FIRE members from CGS, DWR/RWQCB, or GIS should be filled with agreement.*
- *The WERT will need a BARC map prior to engaging on the landscape.*
- *WERT Liaison information should be included in special needs.*
- *Reference the CAL FIRE Intranet>Cooperative Fire> State and Federal Programs”*

### **California Medical Assistance Team (CAL MAT) – CAL FIRE**

Updated:

*“California Medical Assistance Team (CAL-MAT): A group of medical personnel designed to provide medical care and equipment in support of incidents. Oversight is provided by the California Emergency Medical Service Authority (EMSA)*

*Order in the current ordering system of record as: MDRT – Team, Medical Response, in special needs, document CAL MAT.*

*The CAL MAT will work under the direction of the incident’s Medical Unit Leader*

*Reference:*

- *CAL FIRE Handbook 8100, policy 8141 procedure 8141-66*
- *CAL EMSA CAL MAT Agreement, on CAL FIRE intranet > Cooperative Fire > State and Federal Programs”*

## **Chapter 30 Crews**

### **California Conservation Corps (CCC)**

Updated:

*“When ordering support crews contact the CCC Duty Officer 24-hour contact number at 916-599-1415 and leave a message. If there is not an answer within 2 hours, call the CCC Emergency Services Manager at 916-698-4685. If there is not an answer within 2 hours, please call the Statewide Partnerships Director at 530-351-2394.”*

### **Smokejumpers**

Updated:

*“45-person Smokejumper crew is based at the Northern California Service Center in Redding. Smokejumpers can be utilized as a Type 2IA Crew. Approximately 70% of the crew is Crew Boss rated and most Smokejumper supervisors hold Division Supervisor ratings and ICT3. At least 30% of the Smokejumpers are qualified FAL1 Timber Fallers and the entire crew is trained in the use of cross-cut saws. Approximately 50% of smokejumpers are certified as EMT, or above, with some receiving additional training on the use and administration of epinephrine.”*

## **Chapter 40 Supplies and Equipment**

### **CALFIRE Demobilization Trailer**

Updated:

*“CALFIRE has 3 Demob trailers. 2 in Northern Region and 1 in Southern Region. They are ordered with the IMT Supplemental Column C*

- *Ordered as Equipment Trailer “TRLR”*
  - *Special needs should include “Demob”*

### **Replacement Orders**

Updated:

*“Refer to 2026 National Interagency Standards For Resource Mobilization Chapter 40 Page 57 for NFES Incident replacement and NWCG Standards for Interagency Incident Business Management PMS 902.*

*Incident Replacement Requisition, OF-315, (NFES 1300) if received at the cache unauthorized, the requisition will be returned to the incident for authorization. Replacement Requisitions require incident request numbers to be included as a continuation of the incident documentation process.”*

### **Communications - National Fire Radio Caches (NFRC)**

Updated:

*“A description of all the equipment available from NIFC's National Interagency Incident Communication Department (NIICD) is located on the [NICC Documents page](#) in the NIICD User's Guide. Requests for NIICD systems will be through the GACC and the filling cache must be designated as the ID-FCK National interagency Incident Communication Division in the resource order.*

*Ordered in the current ordering system of record as Supplies, with the appropriate NFES number, using the following procedure:*

1. *Ensure that the request has accurate Latitude/Longitude information.*
2. *In the Shipping Information block of the request, select Shipping Address from the drop down or enter Shipping Instructions.*
3. *In the Shipping Contact block of the request, identify the Shipping Contact and a phone number.*
4. *In the Incident Ordering Contact block of the request, identify the Communications Leader, specifying “on order” if not yet determined.*
5. *In the Special Needs block of the request, include the full “Bill to” information.*
6. *Specify if freight shipping is OK or if a charter aircraft is required to meet the needed date and time.*

*As kits are released from the incident, they are to be returned to NIICD at NIFC for refurbishment even if the seal is not broken. Reference the 2026 NIICD User guide for direction on shipping equipment back to NIFC based on national preparedness level.”*

### **Removed: NFES 4670 – Satellite Phone Kit**

*“Order in the current ordering system of record as: Supply, NFES Supplies, 004670 - Kit, Satellite Phone, Motorola*

*GACC will place to NICC with a follow-up phone call to the CDO.”*

### **CAL FIRE HT Radio Cache**

Updated:

*“CAL FIRE has 60 HT radio caches. 20 located at CNR, 20 located at CSR, 10 located at SAC CC and 10 located at Camp Robert’s for CMD Force Pack deployments. Each kit contains 10 KNG BK P150 radios with antenna, clam shell and antenna. Each radio is programmed to current CAL FIRE statewide “Group 3” on Groups 16-25. Upon release from the incident, they will be returned to their respective Unit or GACC.”*

### **Frequencies**

Updated:

*“All requests for additional frequencies shall be ordered in the current ordering system of record using F numbers.”*

### **Mobile Communication Units (MCC)– All Agencies**

Updated:

*“Statewide there are mobile communication units available through CAL FIRE, Cal OES, and CA BLM. To check for availability, contact the GACC.*

*Order in the current ordering system of record as an Equipment request:*

*CAL FIRE order as: COM1 - Communications Unit, Mobile, T1*

- *Reference CAL FIRE Handbook 8100 procedure 8141-4*

*BLM order as: COM1 - Communications Unit, Mobile, T1*

*Cal OES order as: COM1 - Communications Unit, Mobile, T1*

*COM2 - Communications Unit, Mobile, T2*

*COM3 - Communications Unit, Mobile, T3”*

### **Remote Automated Weather Station (RAWS) –**

Updated:

*“Orders will go through the GACC and the filling cache must be designated as ID-GBK Great Basin Area Incident Support Cache.”*

### **Added Section: Smoke Monitoring Kit**

*“When a Unit requires smoke monitoring units they should be ordered using the normal dispatch procedures. They are ordered on a Supply Request and have NFES numbers. Upon release from the incident, they are to be returned to the Rocky Mountain Cache. Orders will go through the GACC and the filling cache must be designated as CO-RMK Rocky Mountain Area Incident Support Cache. Reference National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization Chapter 40 for additional information.”*

### **Mobile Kitchen Unit (MKU) and Food Dispensing Unit (FDU) – CAL FIRE**

Removed:

*“The Unit ordering the MKU/FDU shall contact the camp supplying the MKU/FDU to determine which MKU Support Module (A, B, C, D) is required.”*

Updated: MKU location from HUU Alder to HUU High Rock

## **Chapter 50 Aircraft**

### **CAL FIRE**

#### **Updated:**

*“CAL FIRE Aviation Program (CAP) is integrated with two broad areas of functional responsibility: Sustainment and Compliance and Air Operations are both under the direction of Fire Protection. Program responsibilities overlap in many areas; the following only serve to identify accountability:*

#### *Sustainment and Compliance:*

- *Aviation Policy and Procedure*
- *Maintenance of both fixed and rotor wing aircraft*
- *Aviation Life Support Equipment (ALSE)*
- *Aviation Safety*
- *Management of aviation contract personnel*
- *Maintenance staff*
- *Fixed Wing & Helicopter pilots*
- *Management of Call When Needed (CWN) and Exclusive Use (EU) contracts*
  - *Pilot and Aircraft carding*

#### *Air Operations:*

- *Aviation Policy and Procedure*
- *Fixed Wing and Helicopter Operations*
- *Aerial Supervision*
- *Military Air Operations Coordination – National Guard and Title 10*
- *Air Base operations and standardization*
- *Fire chemicals*
- *Aviation training and standards of CAL FIRE personnel*
- *MAFFS*
- *UAS Operations”*

### **Forest Service**

#### **Updated:**

*“The Regional Aviation Group (RAG) is divided into operational areas to better serve the Units in the region. All Units should direct requests for technical assistance to the office designated to serve them. There will be personnel at each location to assist the Units in all aspects of aviation. All re-quests for incident support and administrative flights will be made through the appropriate GACC. Regional office employees are located at various duty stations / Forest throughout the state. Based on the employee’s duty station location, the host GACC will be responsible for providing dispatch support.”*

### **Length of Assignment**

#### **Updated:**

*“For intraregional helicopter mobilization, length of assignment policies apply to aviation personnel and aircraft, in addition to all applicable FAA and agency day off regulations. Helitack*

*personnel must adhere to the mobilization guide's length of assignment standards. Exclusive Use (EU) per-sonnel are expected to follow a rotation schedule that maintains required staffing levels.*

*The standard assignment length is 14 days, exclusive of travel to and from the home unit. After completing a 14 day assignment and returning to the home unit, personnel will be provided three mandatory days off. These days off must occur on the calendar days immediately following return travel in order to be charged to the incident.*

*For Helitack crewmembers who remain on duty to maintain aircraft staffing while the majority of the crew takes mandatory days off, the home forest will cover the cost of those mandatory days off and any overtime accrued.*

*DOI helicopters may have different length of assignment requirements at the direction of the Red Book”*

### **Assignment Extension**

Updated:

*“Extensions beyond the standard 14 day assignment should be used sparingly. Prior to authorizing back to back assignments, consider the health, readiness, and capability of Helitack personnel. Under no circumstances will the health and safety of Helitack personnel or aviation resources be compromised.*

*Incident Management Teams (IMTs) should anticipate helibase roles being filled by EU crews and plan ahead for replacement of critical functions when length of assignment limitations affect incident staffing. Orders should be placed in advance to ensure smooth transitions.”*

### **Smokejumper Aircraft**

Updated:

Various language throughout this section describing the smokejumper program.

### **Incident Awareness and Assessment (IAA)**

Updated:

*”IAA is available to provide support to wildland fire operations in three mission areas:*

- Large Fire Perimeter Mapping*
- Historically known as National Infrared Operations (NIROPS).*
- New Heat Detection/Lightning Reconnaissance*
- Operational Support including GIS Perimeters, narrated/unnarrated videos, Imagery Overlay, and Isolated heat identification”*

*“Large Fire Perimeter Mapping requests require the submission of both an IROC order (A# Service Infrared Night SIRN) and a request in the IAA Hub no later than **1430 hours PST** or for an incident to receive Aircraft 3 support, request must be submitted in the IAA Hub no later than **0830 hours PST**. Operational Support request, it is recommended that request be submitted in the IAA Hub by 1600 hours PST on the preceding day. This increases performance planning and likelihood of mission success.”*

### **Night Aviation Operations Forest Service**

## Updated:

*“The Forest Service Night Air Operations (NAO) program supports wildfire suppression efforts on Forest Service–protected lands statewide. NAO aircraft are available for night aerial firefighting operations, including missions in wildland-urban interface (WUI) areas, throughout the Geographical Area. Night operations will typically be conducted within one (1) hour of flight time from the aircraft’s host base. For planning purposes, exceptions involving missions beyond this range may be considered with appropriate coordination.*

*NAO aircraft will be hosted within a Geographic Area Coordination Center (GACC) that demonstrates a need for night operations based on current or forecasted fire severity. Within each GACC, a designated national forest will be responsible for hosting and supporting these assets. The hosting forest must ensure the availability of operational, logistical, and personnel resources necessary to sustain safe and effective nighttime operations.*

*Prior approval is required to utilize NAO resources outside of designated locations.*

*Authorization must be obtained from the GACC Duty Chief (Operations), and approval or denial will be documented on the resource order by the GACC. The requesting unit must confirm adequate dispatch staffing is in place before aircraft are launched.*

*Requests for tactical night-flying aviation resources shall be initiated by the on-scene Incident Commander and/or on-scene Aerial Supervisor.*

*Once night-flying aircraft are committed to a unit, the host unit ECC is responsible for the mobilization of all night-flying aviation resources. The host ECC will determine the appropriate night-dispatch procedures, either by coordinating directly with the aviation resource or through the incident to which the aircraft are assigned.*

*The hosting unit or incident will reevaluate operational needs and reorder NVG helicopters for each shift as required. If NVG helicopters are prepositioned and do not fly during a shift, no new order is necessary. When assigned to a fire, NVG helicopters shall be released and reordered daily; however, they are not required to reposition back to their host base between shifts.”*

**UAS Ordering**

## Updated:

Added Flight By Notification flow chart

*“All UAS will be ordered as UAS Module (UMOD) and rostered with appropriate aircraft and personnel (subordinates).”*

**Flight-By-Notification – Non-Fire UAS Operations**

## Updated:

*“Flight-By Notification shall be required for all non-fire UAS operations conducted within Region 5 Forest Service lands. UAS personnel shall coordinate mission details during the planning phase and provide notification to appropriate aviation management personnel, ECC’s, CAL FIRE, and GACC’s, as applicable.”*

## **Chapter 60 Predictive Services**

### **When to Report Incidents with an ICS-209**

Updated:

*“Significant wildfire incidents are required to submit an ICS-209 form once daily by 1800 hours PST. Additional guidelines are outlined below. ICS-209 updates, or supplemental intelligence may be required to establish incident priorities, allocate critical resources or aid in the coordination of the overall mutual-aid system. Incidents should be prepared to provide more frequent updates outside of the once daily reporting cadence. GACC Intel Staff will communicate this requirement clearly through the Situation Unit Leader, Plans Section Chief, and/or Incident Commander.*

*Submission of an ICS-209 form is required according to the following guidelines:*

- *Once an incident exceeds the minimum threshold of 100 acres in timber/slash or 300 acres in grass/brush.*
- *If multiple incidents are managed as a Complex and the combined sum of total acres meet the 100/300 acre threshold.*
- *Regardless of size, an ICS-209 will be required if any of the following occurs:*
  - *CIMT or Type 1 IMT is assigned.*
  - *In support of a FEMA Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) application.*
  - *At the request of the GACC Duty Chief.*
- *One ICS-209 per week, submitted Thursdays by 1800 hours PST may be negotiated with the GACC if:*
  - *Containment is 90% or greater with primary focus shifting towards suppression repair objectives.*
  - *Incident threats are reduced and expected commitment of suppression resources is low.*

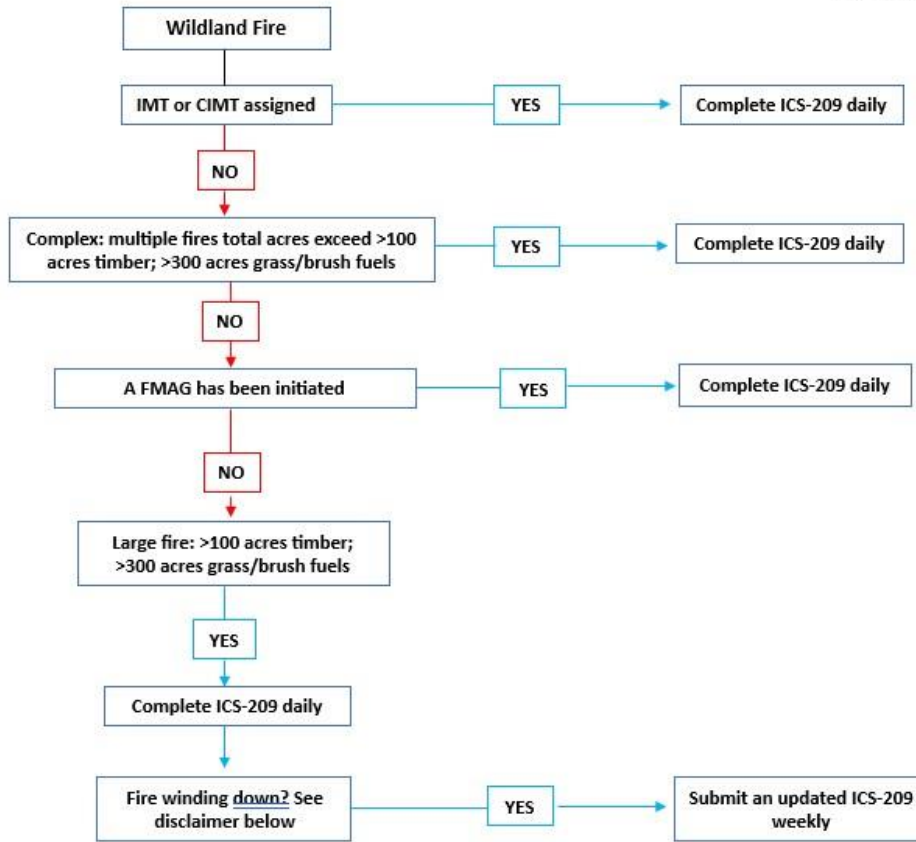
*A Final ICS-209 will be submitted once the incident has established 100% contained and/or is controlled. “*

### **When to report in the ICS-209 Flow Chart**

Updated: See next page

When to Report Wildland Fire Incidents with an ICS-209

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A final 209 shall be completed at full containment and/or control.

Disclaimer: Submitting 209s weekly when incidents have reached 90% containment with no growth for several days, minimal threats reported, minimal resources committed, and suppression repair has commenced may be negotiated with the GACC. For questions, please contact your GACC Intel shop.

**Chapter 70-90 & Appendix**

Global changes captured at the beginning of this document and annual directory updates.