

Dispatch Procedures for South Ops ALS Hoist Helicopters
24 Hour South Ops ALS Hoist Rescue
(Updated August 2025)

Activation Type: **Title 10 Active Duty**

Title 10 Military Aircraft are NVG and hoist-capable ALS (Type 1 restricted). Locations are subject to change.

Hoist 894 and Hoist 895 are located at San Bernardino Air Tanker Base

Hoist 890 and 893 are located at Fresno Air Tanker Base

These helicopters are available for emergency ALS hoist operations on incidents in Southern California. This includes all Federal, State, and local partner agencies within the Southern California Geographic Area.

The incident will assess the emergency and choose the appropriate mode of extraction and stabilization prior to requesting the ALS hoist helicopter.

Dispatch Procedures:

The incident will contact the local ECC/Dispatch Center and request an ALS Hoist Helicopter. The ECC will notify the GACC using the standard intercom process.

Pre-Alert: The ECC will notify the GACC of the potential activation. The GACC will alert, via phone call, the MHEM or HMGB of the possible dispatch.

The ECC will follow local protocol to determine the closest available rescue helicopter. If a GACC hosted (i.e. Title 10 ALS hoist) helicopter is deemed the closest available, proceed with the procedures below for ordering.

The ECC will create an e-FC106 and request over the Region intercom. They will create an IROC request for HE1R. Special needs should state "NVG Hoist Medevac." The order should be placed to South Ops at CA-OSCC.

The USFS Aircraft Coordinator (ACOR) contacts the appropriate Chief of Party and provides eFC-106 and any other pertinent information.

The USFS Aircraft Coordinator (ACOR) notifies ECC requesting resource availability via phone. If request is after aircraft cutoff from a CAL FIRE Unit or Contract County, USFS Aircraft Coordinator notifies CAL FIRE Duty Officer of request via phone call to (951) 320-6197.

The ALS hoist helicopter adheres to flight following procedures per the 2025 California Interagency Mobilization Guide.

The ALS hoist helicopter notifies the incident ECC of arrival at incident.

The ALS hoist helicopter notifies the incident ECC of departure from incident, ETD/ETA and destination.

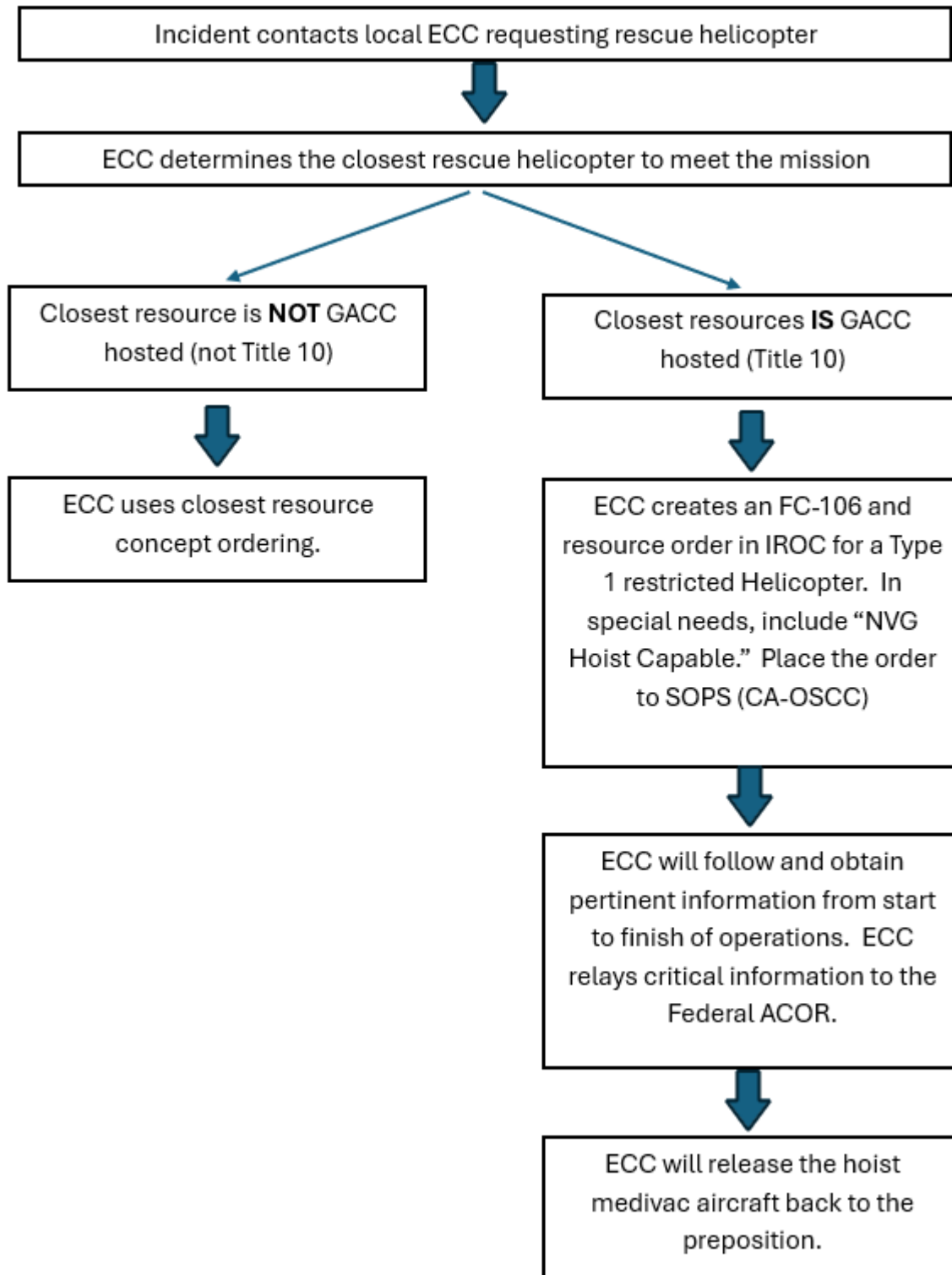
The ECC notifies USFS Aircraft Coordinator of any critical updates and patient transfer location.

The ALS hoist helicopter follows standard incident flight following procedures per the 2025 California Interagency Mobilization Guide until mission is complete.

The ECC notifies USFS Aircraft Coordinator of medevac helicopter release and ETD/ETA via phone.

The ECC will release the ALS hoist helicopter in IROC back to 2025 OSC Medical Hoist.

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The Federal ACOR is responsible for notifying the Federal Duty Chief and the CAL FIRE Aircraft Supervisor of the dispatch, pertinent information, location for next level care, and mission completion status.