CHAPTER 20
OVERHEAD AND TEAMS

National Incident Management System (NIMS) Positions Refer to NMG 20
Incident Qualifications and Certification System (IQCS) Position Codes Refer to NMG 20

Overhead Mobilization and Demobilization Refer to NMG 20 and RMG 20

Overhead Availability
All red carded fire personnel may report availability to the Cody Interagency Dispatch Center via
IROC Self-Status. Upon request, availability status may be changed by CDC staff. Individuals
shall report changes in their availability as it occurs.

When an overhead resource notifies CDC, they’re available for a fire assignment, it is assumed
they have their supervisor’s permission to go anywhere. It is not CDC’s responsibility to check
permission (with Supervisor’s) before a resource goes available or mobilizes.

Individuals who are available for an assignment are expected to accept any request regardless
of the location or qualification being ordered. If an individual does not want to accept an
assignment for a certain qualification, they shall request through their IQCS or IQS manager the
qualification no longer be sent to IROC.

Any individual declining an assignment will be set to unavailable for a minimum of 24 hours and
must have FMO approval prior to being set to available again.

Demobilization Planning
Demobilization shall be carried out in an orderly and cost-effective manner. The Incident
Commander, Planning Section Chief, or Demob Unit Leader will coordinate demobilization
through Cody Interagency Dispatch Center. All release dates, demobilization times and ETAs to
the resource’s home unit will be relayed to CDC in a timely manner to ensure proper tracking of
resources.

GENERAL OVERHEAD
CDC operates on a closest forces policy. To clarify this policy, it shall mean the response time
from initial report/request to arrival to the incident. Resources are expected to have their red
cards with them. The resource order is the authorization for individuals to travel.

CDC is not authorized to make travel arrangements on agency hard dollars, or All Risk FEMA
requests.
CDC is authorized to make emergency travel arrangements for resources responding to wildfires or other nationally declared federal emergencies. However, individuals with government issued travel cards are encouraged to make their own flight arrangements per the Federal Travel Regulations and specific agency policies. These arrangements should be in coordination with the dispatch center and itineraries will be provided prior to incident travel taking place. Exceptions to this are: ADs, seasonals, county cooperators, large incident demobilization, crew swaps, etc.

Federal travelers must complete a vehicle cost comparison when planning to take their POV to a fire incident. The completed vehicle cost comparison will be turned into the traveler’s supervisor and is required for agency travel reimbursement. A POV cost comparison worksheet is found at: [http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2cdc/dispatch/overhead.htm](http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2cdc/dispatch/overhead.htm).

All resource requests will be processed through the dispatch center. For in-area, and out-of-area requests from the Rocky Mountain Coordination Center (RMCC), CDC dispatchers will call qualified personnel within the dispatch center area of influence. It is essential each agency ensure only qualified red carded personnel be dispatched.

Ordered neighboring resources will not be mobilized out of area unless the home unit approves. At that time, an order will be placed by the requesting dispatch center through RMCC to the resources home unit.

Qualifications List
IROC will be used by CDC to fill local, area, and national overhead requests.

**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL TO KEEP THEIR AVAILABILITY UPDATED IN IROC.**

Trainees Refer to RMG 10
Trainee: An individual, who has completed the appropriate classroom training, meets prerequisite experience requirements, has an initiated task book, but needs to demonstrate satisfactory performance in the target position for certification. The individual assists in the overall incident effort by performing in the position, and is evaluated by a coach, training specialist, a person already certified in the position or a person in a higher position.

Rocky Mountain Area Priority trainees are responsible for maintaining appropriate status in IROC.

CDC trainees will be utilized first for local dispatch zone incidents. If there are no local trainees available, CDC will coordinate with the Rocky Mountain Geographical Area Training Representative (GATR). The GATR has full authority to place name requests for Rocky Mountain
Area Priority Trainees. The GATR will work with the incident management team(s) to provide quality training assignments and coordinate with incident commanders on trainee assignments.

**Self-Sufficiency** Refer to RMG 20

All resources are expected to be self-sufficient (personal means, government issued credit card or with supervisor that has a government issued credit card for meals and lodging) when going on assignments. If a resource is unable to be self-sufficient, the receiving dispatch center shall be notified prior to resource mobilization.

**Name Requests** Refer to RMG 20

**Interagency Wildland Fire Modules** Refer to RMG 20, NMG 20

Blacktooth Wildland Fire Module is a Type 1 module, sponsored by the Bighorn National Forest, based out of Buffalo, WY. Contact the module leader and FMO for the Powder River Ranger District for mobilization.

Pilot Peak Wildland Fire Module is a Type 2 module, sponsored by the Shoshone National Forest, based out of Cody, WY. Contact the module leader and FMO for the Wapiti Ranger District for mobilization.

**Smokejumpers** Refer to RMG 20 & 50, CDC Aircraft Pup

**Pilots – Lead plane, Aerial Supervision Module and Smokejumper** Refer to RMG 20

**Helicopter Modules** Refer to NMG 20, RMG 20, CDC Aircraft Pup

**Helicopter Rappelers** Refer to NMG 20

**Rappeler & Helicopter Manager Gear, Weights and Volume** Refer to NMG 20

**Non-Standard Overhead Groups** Refer to RMG 20

Rapid Extraction Module Support (REMS)

**Communications Coordination** Refer to RMG 20, NMG 20

Use of another agency’s National Telecommunications and Information (NTIA) approved frequencies is strictly limited to mutually beneficial coordination of managing emergencies. Each agency will cooperate with the others to maintain communications discipline and will grant permission to transmit on its specified frequencies during an interagency effort.

**Incident Meteorologists (IMET)** Refer to RMG 20, NMG 20

**Cache Support Positions** Refer to RMG 20, NMG 20

**Incident Business Advisor (IBA)** Refer to RMG 20

**Human Resource Specialist** Refer to RMG 20

**Union Representative** Refer to RMG 20
Incident Management Teams (IMT) Refer to RMG 20, NMG 20
The Rocky Mountain Area supports one incident type 1 and two type 2 incident management teams. For mobilizing procedures refer to RMG 20.

Greater Yellowstone Coordination Committee has formed an incident management type 3 team that will be only utilized within the GYA and for long duration monitoring fires. The team is rostered by the on-call incident commander and ordered through the hosting incidents dispatch center.

Teton, Casper, and Cody Dispatch zone resources have combined to form three incident management type 3 teams. The teams are rostered by the incident commander and in a rotation. The teams are available for use on incidents within Wyoming, geographically, and nationally (with agency board permission).

IMT Mobilization
The requesting unit will specify the time and location for in briefing the incident commander. This information will be on the initial resource order. It is recommended a conference call between the IC, Logistics, FMO, Agency Administrator, Incident Business Advisor, and Dispatch Center Manager occurs, as soon as the team is confirmed, to discuss the team pre-order and any potential issues related to incident management team support.

Team positions that cannot be filled locally will be ordered through the neighborhood ordering process and/or RMCC. Other positions will be filled at the discretion of the IC and hosting agency.

National Incident Management Organization Teams (NIMO) Refer to RMG 20, NMG 20
IMT Configurations Refer to RMG 20
Area Command Teams Refer to RMG 20
Incident Support Organization Refer to RMG 20
Buying Teams (BUYT) Refer to RMG 20
Burned Area Emergency Response Teams (BAER) Refer to NMG 20
National Fire Prevention/Education Teams (NFPET) Refer to RMG 20
Wildland Fire & Aviation Safety Teams (FAST) Refer to RMG 20
Aviation Safety Assistance Team (ASAT) Refer to RMG 20
Serious Accident Investigation Teams (SAIT) Refer to RMG 20, NMG 20
Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Refer to RMG 20