Chapter 30

Crews

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**Crews** Refer to RMG Ch. 30, pg. 59 NMG 30 Pg. 54

CPC has 3 crews available for dispatch. Requests for these crews will be processed through the Dispatch Center.

**Med Bow/Routt Type 2 / 2 IA Crew:** Comprised of people from various USFS offices in WY and CO. Call-up for a dispatch is through CPC dispatch and notification will be made to CPC of resources if needed and are available approximately June 1 through September 30.

Agency Contacts for mobilization of personnel for Med Bow/Routt Crew:

**Medicine Bow/Routt NF – Forest Duty Officer**

**Platte Interagency Type 2 / 2 IA Crew:** Comprised of people from various USFS and BLM offices in WY and CO. Call-up for a dispatch is through CPC dispatch and notification will be made to CPC of resources if needed and are available approximately June 1 through September 30.

**Smokebusters Type 2 Crew:** Wyoming State Forestry sponsored inmate crew based at Newcastle, WY. They configure into three 7 person squads. Number of squads that are available will vary based on available inmates. They will fill requests for one, two, or three 7 person squads. The squads come fully self-contained with transportation, saws, tools, and radios. The Smokebusters cannot leave the State of Wyoming jurisdiction, except for the Black Hills in South Dakota, and are available year around.

Agency Contacts for mobilization of personnel for Smokebusters Crew:

**Newcastle Office – Rob Akers**

The crew will be made available when agencies inform the dispatch center that they have enough individuals available to fill a crew order. A list of names, position, experienced/rookie, vehicle information and cell phone numbers will be provided to CPC.

Passenger Cargo Manifests will be completed for all crew mobilizations. When the local crews are ordered out of the area a manifest will be faxed to RMACC.

If the crews are mobilized out of area and transportation is by air then the following applies:

- Canteens are to be emptied before boarding aircraft.
- Crews will be weighed before departing (Allowable crew weight: 5300 pounds).
- Fuses are not allowed on board an aircraft or on commercial ground transportation
- Gas containers and saws must be emptied and purged prior to boarding an aircraft or commercial ground transportation.
- Shifting of equipment/personal gear between crew members to equal out weights will not take place.
- Knives/multi-tools must be stowed with gear on commercial flights.
- On commercial flights, line gear will be carried on rather than stowed in the baggage compartment (follow airline directions).

Crew Mobilization and Demobilization Protocol

- Casper Dispatch will notify the Crew Superintendent/Crew Boss of a crew order once it has been confirmed that it is a bona fide order. From that point on all communications concerning the order will be with the Crew Superintendent/Crew Boss. At this time the
Crew Boss will coordinate with CPC to establish a meeting location to organize and brief the crew before departure.

- Prior to departure the Crew Boss will do a roll call to confirm the roster. Any errors will be corrected and an up-to-date manifest will be provided to dispatch.
- Prior to departure, travel will be discussed with Casper Dispatch (route of travel, RON spots, vehicle ID’s, etc will be provided to Casper Dispatch)
- Check in with the receiving dispatch at each fuel stop while in travel status to ensure that the order has not been changed, crew diverted, or there is new information concerning the reporting location. If the order is cancelled and you are returning, advise Casper Dispatch.
- While on assignment if any member(s) of the crew are demobilized for whatever reason, Casper Dispatch will be notified and given the specifics of the travel home. This should include reason for early demobilization (does not have to be specific, but general reason), method of travel home, route, RON areas, and ETA.
- Notify Casper Dispatch upon arrival back from an incident and provide for tentative availability date and number of days off being taken.
- No crew members will be mobilized that cannot commit to the full 14 days, unless it is negotiated with the receiving unit through the dispatch system (needed for documentation purposes). Fill-ins need to be ordered through Casper Dispatch so that they can be tracked. Name requests for fill-ins will be accepted and then dispatch will place the order for them. If name requesting someone it is assumed that they have been contacted and are available. Location (Home Unit), name of person, and contact phone number will be provided to dispatch.
- Ensure personnel time is completed/up to date prior to assignment.
- Crew time can be faxed to dispatch for dissemination to appropriate FMO or timekeeper. Call dispatch to advise them that the time has been sent so it can be taken care of.
- Requests for extending the crew should be made through the dispatch center. The dispatch center will contact the Unit FMOs for concurrence. The Unit FMOs/Duty Officer will check with the Zone/District FMOs for approval/disapproval. Once there is concurrence one of the available Unit FMOs can sign the extension document approving or disapproving the extension.
- Upon demobilization of the crew, the Crew Boss will provide ETAs back to home units to dispatch for the various personnel. Dispatch will notify the respective FMOs of those ETAs.
- The Crew Boss will track all personnel back to their duty stations. The Crew Boss will close out with dispatch confirming the crew has been disbanded and are all home.