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Interagency Cooperation is the primary objective with cooperating agencies sharing firefighting personnel, equipment and supplies to make firefighting tasks more effective and cost efficient. The primary responsibilities of the dispatch center are initial attack resource coordination within the geographic area and resource mobilization to incidents on a regional and national scale. The dispatch center is the link to regional and national

The Fort Collins Interagency Wildfire Dispatch Center was created in 1988. It was the first interagency Initial Attack dispatch center in the Rocky Mountain Region. The center has developed over time, starting as an initial attack dispatch office it is now is an integrated part of a local, regional and national wildfire and "All-Risk" mobilization and coordination network. There are currently 56 agencies that are coordinated by the Fort Collins Interagency Dispatch Center



The dispatch center is managed by a "Board of Directors" from the Northern Front Range Wildland Fire Cooperators. Participating agencies include:

- Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest
- Rocky Mountain National Park.
- Colorado State Forest Service
- Larimer County Sheriffs Office
- Boulder County Sheriffs Office
- Gilpin County
- Clear Creek County
- Grand County

The dispatch center is responsible for tracking and mobilizing resources to incidents within the geographic area and on the national scale.

- Multi-Agency Coordinating Group
- Type III Initial Management Team
- 450+ Overhead Personnel
- Alpine Hotshots Type 1 Handcrew
- Roosevelt Hotshots Type 1 Handcrew
- Northern Colorado Type II Handcrew
- Americorp Type II Handcrew
- Wildland Engines (Types I-VI)
- Heavy Airtanker(s)
- Single Engine AirTanker(s)
- Type I Helitanker
- Two Type III Helicopters
- Air Attack Platforms
- FTC Area Service and Supply Plan

The Fort Collins Interagency Wildfire Dispatch Center coordinates aviation resources for four aviation bases. Jeffco Airtanker Base, Fort Collins-Loveland Single Engine Airtanker Base and the Redfeather Lakes and Boulder helibases.



Additional suppression and aviation resources requests for local fires are processed through the Rocky Mountain Coordination Center in Broomfield Colorado. RMACC Website: www.fs.fed.us/r2/fire/rmacc.html

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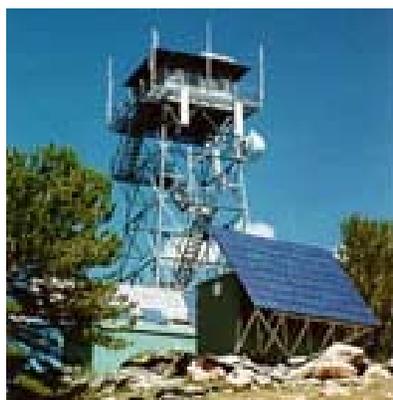
National, regional and local situation reports, preparedness Levels, fire danger rating/severity information, resource availability listings, fire weather forecasts, lightning detection and general fire information is processed daily. It is then analyzed, posted and distributed by the dispatch center by electronic and manual methods to cooperators.

A network of remote access weather stations is used to determine Preparedness levels, fire danger ratings, fuel moistures and severity conditions to support resource allocation, pre-suppression and suppression decisions.



COMMUNICATIONS:

The dispatch center has an integrated radio system that allows for resource coordination, tactical aircraft flight operations and daily broadcasts. Multiple Frequencies for Federal, State, County and Local agencies are monitored and/or authorized for communications. An Interagency communications plan has been developed and implemented to facilitate timely and coordinated communications. Extensive use of e-mail and the FTC website facilitate the distribution of fire management information.



The dispatch center is responsible for coordination and logistical support for an area ranging from the Wyoming border on the north to south of the I-70 corridor and the continental divide east to the Nebraska Border. It involves lands administered by the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests, Rocky Mountain National Park, State Lands, Larimer, Boulder, Weld, Gilpin, Clear Creek and Grand Counties

EXPANDED DISPATCH:

During large project fires, or multiple fires, the dispatch center goes into "expanded" operations. This allows logistical support, priority setting and intelligence reporting while maintaining initial attack capability for the area. If the fire situation becomes severe the Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (MAC Group) is activated. Their function is to set priorities for resource allocation and initial attack. The group consists of local agency administrators.

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