CHAPTER 20
OVERHEAD AND TEAMS

Personnel must be requested by the description found in the Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide, PMS 210, January, 2014,

http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/pubs/pms210.pdf

Also in the National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS) Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide, PMS 310-1, NFES 001414. All requests will be in one of these categories:

O = Overhead by position title

IA = Initial Attack Rappelers and Smokejumpers:

When smokejumpers are needed jump-ready for initial attack with aircraft, they are to be requested in ROSS as "Load, Smokejumper, Initial Attack" on an Aircraft request. The sending unit will fill the request in ROSS and will forward a manifest form, with name and agency identification, through the established ordering channels. This information can be acquired after the jump ship is airborne. Any intent to retain smokejumpers which have not been utilized as an IA load will be negotiated between RMC and NIC.

If a GACC pre-positions smokejumpers when multiple starts are occurring or predicted, they need to specify the anticipated duration. If not deployed during this period, smokejumpers will be made available for higher priorities, unless longer duration is negotiated between the GACCs and NIC. This will be identified in special needs as "Preposition".

Aircraft delivering Initial Attack smokejumpers will return to the sending base or a designated airport before the end of the pilot's daily flight or duty limitations. Any intent or necessity to retain the aircraft will be negotiated between NIC and the GACCs. If the aircraft is retained past the first operational period, it will be placed on an Aircraft request through established ordering channels. (Refer to RMG 20)

GPC will follow established ordering channels for incidents, preparedness, severity, wildland, and prescribed fire.

National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS) Positions

Overhead Positions Listed in the National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS) Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide, PMS 310-1.

This document is located at: http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/docs/pms310-1.pdf

Incident Qualifications and Certification System (IQCS) Position Codes

The Incident Qualifications and Certification System (IQCS) is an information management system that tracks training and certifications for Wildland

Firefighters. For a complete list of all IQCS recognized Position Codes, refer to the Position Codes link at the following web site: http://iqcs.nwcg.gov/

Incident Qualifications System (IQS)

The incident Qualification System (IQS) is an information management system used by the States of South Dakota, Nebraska and Wyoming that tracks training and certifications for Wildland Firefighters.

Overhead Mobilization and Demobilization (Refer to NMG 20 and RMG 20)

When mobilizing Agency, State or Cooperator resources outside of the GPC zone the following will apply:

Mobilization will follow established ordering procedures as identified in National, Geographic, and Local Mobilization Guides. Resources will be mobilized from the GPC Zone. Personnel will be provided a copy of the resource order request after fill and travel information has been relayed to GPC. Orders shall clearly indicate incident assignment, incident location, expected incident arrival time, and any additional special needs or equipment authorizations, e.g. cellular phones, laptops, and rental vehicles.

If a request requires individuals to be self-sufficient for the duration of the assignment, they must be able to procure food, lodging, and local transportation.

It is required that all personnel carry some form of valid photo identification while traveling to and from Incident assignments. This is especially essential for mobilization and demobilization when traveling by commercial airlines. All personnel are required to carry a current Incident Qualification Card (Red Card) reflecting the position for which they are being mobilized.

To manage fatigue, every effort will be made to conduct mobilization and demobilization travel between 0500 hours and 2200 hours.

Name request orders (Refer to NMG 20 and RMG 20)

If a resource is expecting a name request, prior notification to GPC must be made. GPC will notify RMC of the name request in order to expedite the processes. Resources must be statused appropriately in ROSS (Available GACC or National) in order for the order to be processed.

When a name request for a resource from outside the zone is requested from GPC, justification must be provided as to why the request cannot be filled with someone other than the requested individual. This information should be included when the initial request is made.

Name requests for Priority Trainees will be justified in ROSS under special needs as being approved by the Geographical Area Training Representative (GATR). Refer to the Rocky Mountain Area Priority Trainee Operating Procedures for more information.

Rocky Mountain Area Priority Training List and Procedures

The GATR will maintain the annual Rocky Mountain combined trainee prioritization list. The GATR will communicate with GPC during normal business hours that a name request is being worked on. After hours the GATR will contact the trainee direct who will then notify GPC that they expecting a name request. If the trainee has web status ability they will make themselves available national. If web statusing is not available, GPC will notify the GACC that the person will not be statused correctly until the next work day.

GPC trainee list will be sent to the center by the zone training representative every two weeks for reference and will be posted on the Intel white board.

Refer to: http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/administrative/rmcg_ops.html for the GACC priority trainee operations plan.

ROSS (Resource Ordering and Status System)

Travel (Refer to NMG 20 and RMG 20)

Travel for resources will be documented in ROSS under the travel screen. If a resource is flying to an incident, travel to and from the airport will be added to the travel screen in addition to the flight itinerary.

Resource Availability and Tracking

Resource tracking and status will be handled by GPC via the Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS). Resources sent out of the Zone will be responsible for the following:

- Prior to departing on an assignment, resources sent out of zone should obtain a copy of their Resource Order along with telephone numbers at RMC, GPC, and any applicable numbers from the ordering Incident.

- Assigned Chiefs of Party or individual Overhead personnel will utilize proper check-in procedures and notify the receiving unit of his/her/their arrival at the Incident.

- All resources should notify GPC after being demobed and prior to leaving the Incident. Resources are also responsible for notifying GPC of their arrival back at their home unit, or at their next Incident if reassigned

- Upon their return, resources' status in ROSS will initially show "Returned from Assignment." GPC will set resources to "Available Local" upon returning from Incident. It is the responsibility of the resource or the appropriate Duty Officer to update resource status as applicable.

- All qualified personnel have the responsibility to keep GPC informed of their availability either by self-statusing in ROSS or having their Duty Officer status them. Resources will not be mobilized if status is not kept current with GPC.

- Access to ROSS for self-statusing can be found on the GPC Homepage at:

  https://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2gpc/

  Click on the ROSS status icon under Links.

Interagency Wildland Fire Modules (Refer to NMG 20 and RMG 20)

For minimum module standards for national mobilization, see Interagency Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations, Chapter 13, Firefighter Training and Qualifications, Wildland Fire Modules at:

http://www.nifc.gov/PUBLICATIONS/redbook/2016/RedBookAll.pdf

Or PMS – 430 Interagency Standards for Wildland Fire Module Operations – Chapter 7.at:

http://www.nwcg.gov/sites/default/files/products/pms430.pdf

There is one Type 1 Wildland Fire Module in the GPC zone; the Black Hills Wildland Fire Module hosted at Wind Cave National Park. To order the module, contact the NPS duty officer or the Module Leader.

As an interagency resource, the Black Hills Wildland Fire Modules is available nationally throughout the fire season. Standard WFM configuration includes; one (1) module leader and six (6) to nine (9) module crewmembers.

If requested, the Black Hills WFM can be configured and mobilized with less than the standard WFM configuration, but only after agreement between the requesting and sending units. Any negotiated configurations must be identified within the original request.

Smokejumpers (NMG 20 and RMG 20)

Daily availability is updated throughout the fire season and is posted at the following website: http://www.nifc.gov/smokejumper/reports/smjrpt.php

RMA will host one contingent of smokejumpers in the area June 1 through September 30. Refer to RMG Ch 20 for information on ordering smokejumpers.

Helicopter Module (Refer to NMG 20, IHOG and RMG 20)

CWN helicopters and their modules will "marry up" at a specified location (i.e. airport, FBO, etc.) prior to reporting to an Incident.

If the intended use is for initial attack, the HMGB request must specify that a fitness level of arduous is required. Any other qualification requirements (ICT4, etc.) must also be specified in special needs section of ROSS.

If helicopter personnel are required to arrive with special items i.e. flight helmets, radios, etc., it must be specified at the time of request in the special needs section of ROSS.

Non-Standard Overhead Groups (Refer to NMG 20)

GPC has fuels modules and saw teams within the zone which will be ordered as non-standard overhead groups.

Communications Coordinator (Refer to NMG 20 and RMG 20)

SD-BKF has three portable repeaters, one located in each zone, and NE-NBF has two located in Chadron, NE. Contact the USFS Communications Coordinator for their use.

A Command repeater and a box of 20 hand held radios are available at the Custer Cache. These must be ordered through GPC and set up by a qualified radio technician.

There are also two scene of action (SOA) repeaters located in Custer. They shall be ordered through GPC and it is recommended a qualified radio technician is also ordered.

Incident Meteorologist (IMET) Refer to NMG 20

The South Dakota Division of Wildland Fire has a fire meteorologist available through South Dakota School of Mines in Rapid City, SD.

Cache Support Position

BKF has a 300 person cache located in Custer, SD to open the cache contact the Forest Duty Officer. SDS has a mobile cache located in Rapid City, SD; to order contact the State Duty Officer.

There is a National Cache located in Lakewood, CO. More information can be found in the RMK Cache Operating Plan located on the RMC webpage at:

http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/logistics/cache/RMK_OpPlan.pdf

Rocky Basin Type 1 Team List and Rotation (Refer to RMG 20)

There is one Type 1 team within the GACC. Refer to the RMC Webpage for rotation schedules and roster information.

Rocky Mountain Type 2 List and Rotation (Refer to RMG 20)

There are three Type 3 teams within the geographical area. Refer to the RMC webpage for rotation schedules and roster information.

Team BLUE will be available year-round per agreements with the State of South Dakota, for non-Stafford Act, all hazard incidents and will be mobilized by GPC. For all other incidents including wildland fire and Stafford Act all hazard incidents, Team BLUE will be mobilized by RMC.

National Incident Management Teams

IMT Configurations (Refer to NMG 20)

Type 1 IMT Rotation Process (Refer to NMG 20)

NIMO Incident Management Team Type of Assignments (Refer to NMG 20)

National Incident Management Organization Teams (NIMO)

Orders for National Incident Management Organization Teams will be placed through established ordering channels using an Overhead Group Request and configured as identified in Chapter 20 of the NMG

National Area Command Teams (Refer to NMG 20 RMG 20)

Incident Support Teams (Refer to NMG 20 RMG 20)

National and Area Buying Teams

Administrative Payment Teams (APTs)

Burned Area Emergency Response Teams (BAER)

National Fire Prevention/Education Teams (NFPET)

Wildland Fire & Aviation Safety Teams (FAST)

Aviation Safety Assistance Team (ASAT)

Serious Accident Investigation Team (SAIT)

Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Teams (CISD)

Buying Teams (BUYT) (Refer to NMG 20 RMG 20)

GPC will order a BUYT anytime a Type1 or 2 IMT is ordered

Human Resource Specialist (Refer to RMG 20)

Union Representative (Refer to RMG 20)

Per Article 28.2 (d) of the National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE) Master Agreement: "When a staffing level of 300 individuals on a Forest Service incident or 300 Forest Service employees on other than a Forest Service incident is reached and a command post has been established, the Council Vice-President (CVP) or designee will be notified within 24 hours after the staffing reaches 300. That notification will inform the CVP or designee of the location of the incident and the name of the Incident Commander (IC). The IC will be notified of the name and contact information of the CVP or designee."

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

An Incident Business Advisor will normally be ordered for Type 1 or Type 2 incidents however, final determination will be made by the Agency Administrator.