Montrose Interagency Coordinating Group (LMAC)
BLM – Uncompahgre & Gunnison Field Offices
USFS – Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre & Gunnison National Forests
NPS – Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park &
Curecanti National Recreation Area,
Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control

Charter

Mission Statement

The Montrose Interagency Coordinating Group (hereafter referred to as LMAC) is responsible for furthering interagency cooperation, communications and coordination, and to implement interagency fire management direction within the sphere of influence of the Montrose Interagency Dispatch Center and its neighboring Dispatch Centers.

Purpose and Duties

- Provide interagency leadership and coordinated implementation of current policies, directions and standards for fire management activities.
- Instill professionalism in all aspects of fire management and develop a full partnership, trust and mutual assistance among fire management entities.
- Recommend a unified course of action to agency administrators in order to promote safety and provide oversight in all aspects of fire management.
- Provide a communication link between local, state, tribal and federal entities.
- Serve as a focal point for requests for interagency action to and from the area and local level.
- Serve as a forum for the identification of interagency fire management issues and their solutions such as:
  - Supporting and promoting ecosystem management, urban / rural / wildland interface, fire prevention and education and fuels and resource management within the scope of current Wildland Fire Policy.
  - Managing interagency safety and training programs within the sphere of influence.
  - Establishing committees / task groups to address interagency issues within the LMAC sphere of influence;
  - Providing oversight to area and national training nominations at the 300 level and above

Facilitate coordination and efficiency in all fire management activities by:

- Establishing an interagency fire danger operating plan within agency guidelines which defines parameters and specific action items for each preparedness level.
• Establishing a delegation of authority for the Montrose Interagency Dispatch Center to set priorities for the movement and commitment of resources on an interagency basis based on specific preparedness levels.
• Directing the establishment of priorities beyond that authority delegated to Montrose Interagency Dispatch Center.
• Providing oversight to the Montrose Interagency Dispatch Center.
• Coordinating fire severity requests.
• Coordinating fire restrictions during periods of high fire danger.
• Providing coordinated input into County Wildland Fire Annual Operating Plans.
• Coordinating prescribed fire and smoke management.
• The LMAC will designate a Point of contact for the Rocky Mountain Coordinating Group.

The LMAC members will be responsible to ensure that respective policies and procedures are maintained and that agency administrators are informed. Policy recommendations which require changes, modifications, or costs will be reviewed and approved by agency administrators before implementation.

**Membership:**

The LMAC, established as a board of directors, will be comprised of the lead fire manager or their designee from each of the following agencies:

USDI Bureau of Land Management – Southwest and Rocky Mountain Districts BLM
USDA Forest Service – Grand Mesa Uncompahgre Gunnison National Forest
Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control - West Area
USDI National Park Service – Black Canyon National Park and Curecanti National Recreation Area.

A representative from each of the following offices will serve as advisors/liaisons to the LMAC:
Montrose Interagency Dispatch Center Manager
Rocky Mountain Coordinating Group

Through the signatures of this document the members of the LMAC have been delegated authority. An alternate representative needs to be designated by each Agency LMAC Member to cover in his/her absence. Based on the order of LMAC member agencies listed above, a chairperson will be chosen to serve a one year term. A vice chair will be the representative from the next agency on the list and will assume the chair position as it becomes vacant. Terms will be based on a calendar year. Interim vacancies will cause the rotation of the chair and vice chair to move accordingly. The chairperson is responsible for calling meetings, calling for items and setting agendas, running the meetings and follow-up on action items. They will also sign appropriate LMAC documents/correspondence. The vice chair will serve in the absence of the chairperson.
The LMAC members or designees will also serve on the Local Multi-agency Coordinating (LMAC) Group when activated.

Chair and vice chair will rotate between the 4 agencies as stated in the Annual Operating Plan (AOP). Then rotate annually GMUG, BLM, DFPC then NPS.

Meetings:

The LMAC will schedule two regular meetings per year - to discuss LMAC fire management activities. Meetings will be scheduled to allow all agencies to participate. Hosting of meetings will rotate among the LMAC membership. The Chair will be responsible for meeting room space and any costs incurred for the meeting room arrangements. Additional meetings may be called as needed by the chairperson, with agenda and location agreed upon by the membership. The chairperson may also use conference calls to poll members on issues. Action items requiring LMAC decisions are to be distributed along with meeting agendas to the membership two weeks prior to each meeting. LMAC members will ensure that they will be present at all meetings, or will send a representative acting with authority to fully represent their agency.

Committees/Task Groups:

The LMAC will identify issues and concerns of mutual interest and task out assignments to specific working committees. Specific working committees may be formed to deal with long standing issues such as training, logistics coordination, coordinated prescribed fire management, coordinated fire management analysis and planning, or other working committees as needed. The LMAC will provide direction, oversight, and the meeting minutes to the chairperson of each working committee. Working committees will elect a chairperson; minutes of meetings will be taken and distributed to committee members and to LMAC members. Committee chairpersons or their representatives are encouraged to attend the general LMAC meetings. Working committees may define temporary task groups which may have one or more responsibilities. The group, upon completion of its task, shall adjourn unless an additional task is assigned. There are currently two permanent committees under the LMAC; they are the Zone Training Committee and the Gunnison River Crew Committee. Each committee has charters.
By the approving signatures, that agency delegates authority to their Fire Management Officer to serve as the Charter Member Representative for this Group unless otherwise indicated.

This document can be reviewed annually but is valid for 5 years.

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District Manager-USDI-BLM, Southwest District

District Manager-USDI-BLM, Rocky Mountain District

Park Superintendent-USDI-NPS, Black Canyon National Park & Curecanti National Recreation Area

Forest Supervisor-USDFA-USFS, GMUG National Forest

Fire Management Officer-Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control, West Area

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