

Craig Interagency Dispatch Center

Field Operations Guide 2024

This guide is intended to familiarize you with our local organizations and operating procedures. Please keep it handy and review it frequently.

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IN-BRIEFING CHECKLIST

From Dispatch

- _____ Copy of current weather forecast
- _____ Current & expected activity (if Zone FMO not available)
- _____ Size-up cards
- _____ Area map packets (please return at end of assignment)
- _____ NWDFA visitor briefing (Field Operations Guide)
- _____ Logistics

To Dispatch

- _____ Manifest, phone numbers and radio call sign provided to dispatch
- _____ Hotel or cell number provided to dispatch for after-hours dispatches
- _____ Copy of contracts from contract resources
- _____ Copy of Redcards (give copy to AFMO)

From Zone FMO's

- _____ Current & expected fire situation
- _____ Oil & gas briefing
- _____ Unexploded ordnance (UXO) briefing
- _____ Fuels & tactics briefing including Fire Management Plan, appropriate response and fire restrictions
- _____ Radios programmed
- _____ Timesheet and equipment shift tickets initiated with proper charge codes e.g. severity, pre-suppression, FireCode

To Zone FMO's

- _____ Last days off provided to Zone FMO to assure work/rest guidelines
- _____ Signed in-briefing checklist (give to AFMO)

Aviation Resources

- _____ Aviation plan (including Homeland Security plan)
- _____ Review aviation hazards map
- _____ Review aviation boundary plan/checklist
- _____ Daily aircraft information sheets (updated frequencies, TFRs, etc.)

Helitack: From AFMO/Operations:

- _____ All incoming helitack will be briefed by the AFMO/Operations before being assigned to an incident.

DEBRIEFING CHECKLIST

- _____ Timesheet and shift tickets signed by Zone FMO or IC
- _____ Requests for replacement items approved by Zone FMO and S # received from dispatch. ***S #'s will only be issued after you've returned to your home unit under special circumstances and must be requested within three days of your return.***
- _____ Meal & lodging receipts signed and turned into dispatch or the local procurement office if not on per diem
- _____ Map packets returned
- _____ Equipment returned to the cache
- _____ Travel ETA's and ETD's

Welcome to Northwest District Fire and Aviation (NWDFA), Medicine Bow - Routt National Forest, and Dinosaur National Monument. The intent of this packet is to provide a reference to which you can refer throughout your assignment here. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any of our local staff. If they cannot provide an answer, they will direct you to someone who can.

Safety is our primary objective. All fire resources must employ LCES and must wear PPE in order to limit exposure to hazards. Emphasize these points during daily briefings. Line supervisors must assure these practices are followed. As with any fire program, safety is our top priority. Be certain to adhere strictly to the Ten Standard Fire Orders and monitor and mitigate for the Eighteen Watch-Out Situations. Always have your escape routes and safety zones identified and updated.

NW Colorado has an exceptionally dry climate, an abundance of flashy fuels, and beetle kill trees in and around the Forest. This combination frequently produces extreme fire behavior. Situational Awareness is the key in this fast-paced fire environment. Safety awareness, proper use and handling of equipment are necessary at all times. No activity or emergency is so critical that safety rules should be overlooked. You are expected to know, apply, and practice safety throughout your assignment.

In addition to the cultural and historical values placed on the land in the area many people use this land to make a living. What might seem to be just sage, grass, juniper, timber, or barren land to you may be someone else's rangeland, mining operation, recreation area, hunting area, or backyard. The land here is as important to local communities as the tribal, refuge, timber, or park lands and urban interface that you may protect on your home units. Be professional and courteous at all times. Remember, you are representing yourself, your unit and this fire program to the public.

High Reliability Organizations (HRO's) are organizations that often operate under very trying conditions yet manage to have fewer than their fair share of accidents, such as nuclear power plants, aircraft carriers, and wildland firefighting crews.

Five Qualities of High Reliability Organizations

1. ***Preoccupation with Success:*** HRO's are driven to succeed. They learn from and share their past experiences, whether good or bad, so the organization as a whole can be successful. HRO learning tools include: The Lessons Learned Center, AAR's, SAFECOMS, SAFENETS etc.
2. ***Reluctance to Simplify:*** HRO's take deliberate steps to create more complete, nuanced pictures. They simplify less and see more.
3. ***Sensitivity to Operations:*** HRO's have an ongoing concern with the unexpected.
4. ***Commitment to Resilience:*** HRO's develop capabilities to detect, contain, and bounce back from those inevitable errors.
5. ***Deference to Expertise:*** HRO's cultivate diversity, it helps them notice more in complex environments, and do more with the complexities.

Organizations and Cooperators

The **Craig Interagency Dispatch Center (CRC)** provides support for multiple land jurisdictions, totaling approximately 8.2 million acres, and consists of the following agencies:

- ❖ **Northwest District Fire and Aviation (NWDFFA)**, which is comprised of the following BLM Field Offices:
 - Little Snake Field Office
 - White River Field Office
 - Kremmling Field Office

- ❖ **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS):**
 - Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge
 - Arapahoe National Wildlife Refuge

- ❖ **National Park Service (NPS)**
 - Dinosaur National Monument

- ❖ **U.S. Forest Service, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests & Thunder Basin National Grassland (USFS):**
 - Hahn's Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District
 - Yampa Ranger District
 - Parks Ranger District

- ❖ **Grand County**
- ❖ **Jackson County**
- ❖ **Moffat County**
- ❖ **Rio Blanco County**
- ❖ **Routt County**
- ❖ **Eagle County**
- ❖ **Larimer County**
- ❖ **Summit County**
- ❖ **Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control**
 - Northwest District

Craig Interagency Dispatch Center Organization

All area codes are 970 unless otherwise designated

POSITION	CALL SIGN	IDENTIFIER	NAME	OFFICE PHONE
Dispatch Center Manager			Nick Janota	826-5037
Assistant Dispatch Center Manager			Vacant	826-5037
Initial Attack Dispatcher			Heidi Jensen	826-5037
Initial Attack Dispatcher			Vacant	826-5037
Initial Attack Dispatcher			Steven Seiler (RMYC)	826-5037
Logistics Dispatcher			Vacant	826-5037
Logistics/Initial Attack Seasonal Dispatcher			Vacant	826-5037

NWDFa Organization

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POSITION	CALL SIGN	IDENTIFIER	NAME	OFFICE PHONE
Fire Mgt. Officer/Unit Aviation Officer	Chief 11	CH 11	Michael St. Martin	Craig: 826-5012 Meeker: 878-3821
Asst. Fire Mgt. Officer	Chief 12	CH 12	Vacant	826-5036
Unit Admin. Fire Business/ Admin. Support			Nicole Dupire	878-3811
Unit Mitigation/Education	MIT/ED 11	PV 11	Vacant	
Fire Operations Technician	Battalion Chief 11	BC 11	Geoffery Harrison	826-5080
South Zone FMO	Division 14	DV 14	Kyle Frary	878-3862
Rocky Basin FWS FMO			Erik Haberstick	435-881-5715
Rocky Basin FWS AFMO			Andy Buyers	435-230-3598
Supervisory Fuels Mgmt. Specialist	Division 13	DV 13	Landon Smith	826-5097
Fuels Specialist Craig, CO	Fuels 11	FM 11	Brandon Voegtle	826-5096
Fuels Specialist Craig, CO	Fuels 12	FM 12	Bradley Husby	826-5042
Fuels Specialist Meeker, CO	Fuels 15	FM 15	Shane Pfeiffer	878-3878
Fuels Specialist Kremmling, CO	Fuels 13	FM 13	Vacant	
Cache Manager	Support 12	SC 12	Vacant	826-5041

NWDFFA Suppression Resources

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Zone	Resource	Station	Captain	Engine Cell Phone
North	Squad 1-1 (CRD)	Craig	Vacant	826-5040
North	E-1419 (CRD)	Craig	Kenn Boles	826-5040
North	E-1446 (CRD)	Craig	Dane Rogers	826-5040
South	E-1613 (CRD)	Meeker	Mitch Jacob	878-3865
South	E-1642 (CRD)	Meeker	Beau Steele	878-3840
South	E-9611 (CRD)	Meeker	Vacant	
National	Craig Hotshots (CRD)	Craig	Clay Harvey	826-5110

South Zone MRF Organization

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POSITION	CALL SIGN	IDENTIFIER	NAME	OFFICE PHONE
MBRTG Fire Staff Officer Laramie, WY	Chief 1	CH 1	Jay Miller	307-745-2415
MBRTG Deputy Fire Staff Officer Laramie, WY	Chief 2	CH 2	Jeramy Dietz	307-745-2358
South Zone MRF Fire Mgt. Officer Yampa	Division 1	DV 1	Kevin Thompson	638-4170
MBRTB IBMS Laramie, WY			Torie Koller	720-237-9906
South Zone MRF Asst. Fire Management Officer Steamboat Springs	Battalion Chief 4	BC 4	Sean Carey	723-2728
South Zone MRF Fuels AFMO Steamboat Springs	Broyles	BC 3	Lance Broyles	870-2182
South Zone MRF Fuels AFMO Steamboat Springs	Green	BC-1	Chris Green	720-936-1562

South Zone MRF Suppression Resources

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Zone	Resource	Station	Captain	Cell Phone
South	Storm Peak Fire Module (MRF)	Steamboat	Tim Cusack	435-590-0929
South	Silver Creek (MRF)	Yampa	Vacant	
South	E-617 (MRF)	Walden	Vacant	

Dinosaur NM Organization

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POSITION	CALL SIGN	IDENTIFIER	NAME	OFFICE PHONE
Dinosaur NM Fire Mgt. Officer	Chief 8	CH 8	Mike Guarino	374-3052
Asst. Fire Mgt. Officer	Battalion Chief 8	BC 8	Joy Logan	374-3016
Zenobia Lookout	Zenobia	Zenobia	Staff with Fire Crew as needed	
Roundtop Lookout	Roundtop	Roundtop	Phil Schultz	326-8577

Dinosaur NM Suppression Resources

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Zone	Resource	Station	Captain	OFFICE PHONE
Dinosaur	E-683 (DSP)	Dinosaur	Amy Burgess	374-3058
Dinosaur	Squad 8 (DSP)	Dinosaur	Vacant	

IRM Support

		OFFICE #
Telecom Supervisor, BLM	Steve Brooks	(970) 826-5115
GIS Support, BLM LSFO	Pam Levitt	(970) 826-5029
GIS Support, BLM WRFO	Richard Brooks	(970) 878-3853
IT Support	Cindy Chotvacs	(970) 826-5026
IT Support	Kevin Meek	(970) 826-5016

Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control

Northwest District Chief	Sam Parsons	(720) 556-4247
Blue River Region Battalion Chief	Tyler Campbell	(970) 286-5289
Yampa River Region Battalion Chief	Derrick Charpentier	(970) 692-6863
Colorado Office of Emergency Mgt.	Bobbie Lucero	(970) 846-3912

Line Officers

BLM, LSFO	Kymm Gresset	(970) 826-5089
BLM, WRFO	Bill Mills	(970) 878-3800
BLM, KRFO	Stephen Leonard	(970) 724-3001
NPS, DSP	Paul Scolari	(970) 374-3001
FWS, BPR	Nikki Horne	(970) 365-3613 X 101
FWS, ARR	Keely Lopez	(970) 723-8202 X 3
USFS, MRF	Russell Bacon	(307) 745-2400
USFS, MRF Yampa DR	Jamie Statezny	(970) 638-4176
USFS, MRF HPBE DR	Michael Woodridge	(970) 870-2149
USFS, MRF Parks DR	Jim Roche	(970) 723-2701

County Sheriffs

Grand County Sheriff	Brett Schroetlin	(970) 531-2645
Jackson County Sheriff	Jarrod Poley	(970) 723-4242
Moffat County Sheriff	KC Hume	(970) 824-4495
Rio Blanco County Sheriff	Anthony Mazzola	(970) 878-9600
Routt County Sheriff	Doug Scherar	(970) 870-5502
Summit County Sheriff	Jaime FitzSimons	(970) 453-2232
Garfield County Sheriff	Lou Vallario	(970) 945-0453
Larimer County Sheriff	John Feyen	(970) 498-5100

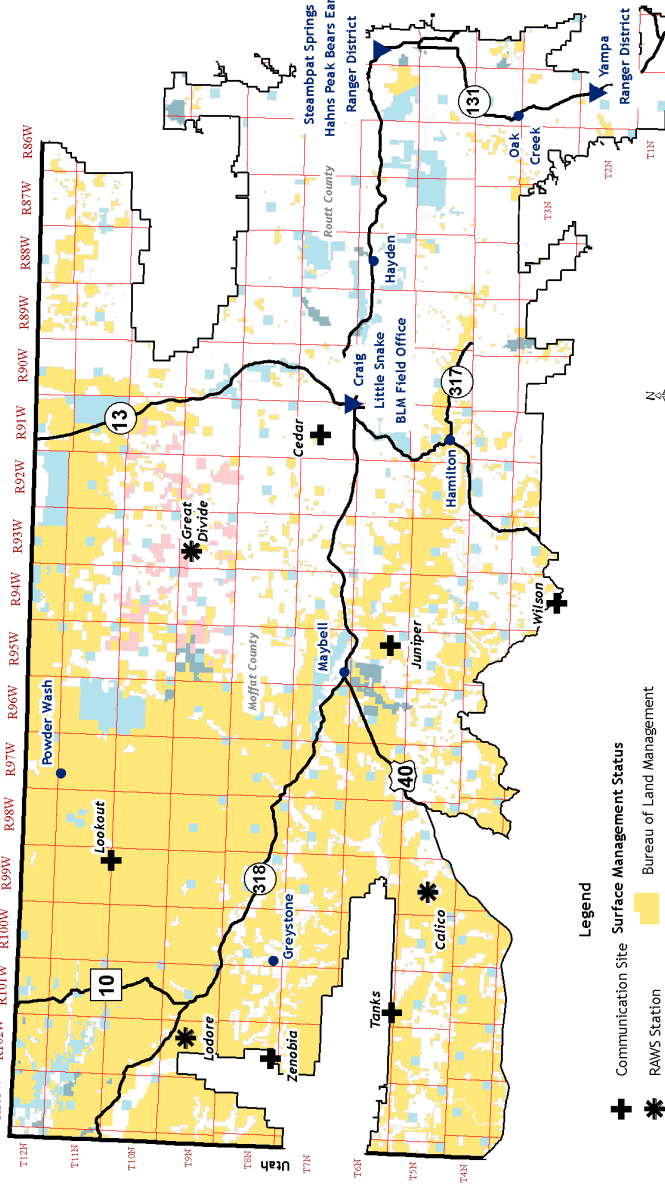
Weather Service

Grand Junction Weather Service https://www.weather.gov/gjt/		(970) 256-9463
Denver/Boulder Weather Service https://www.weather.gov/bou/		(303) 494-3877

Northwest District Fire and Aviation North Zone

Wyoming

R103W R102W R101W R100W R99W R98W R97W R96W R95W R94W R93W R92W R91W R90W R89W R88W R87W R86W



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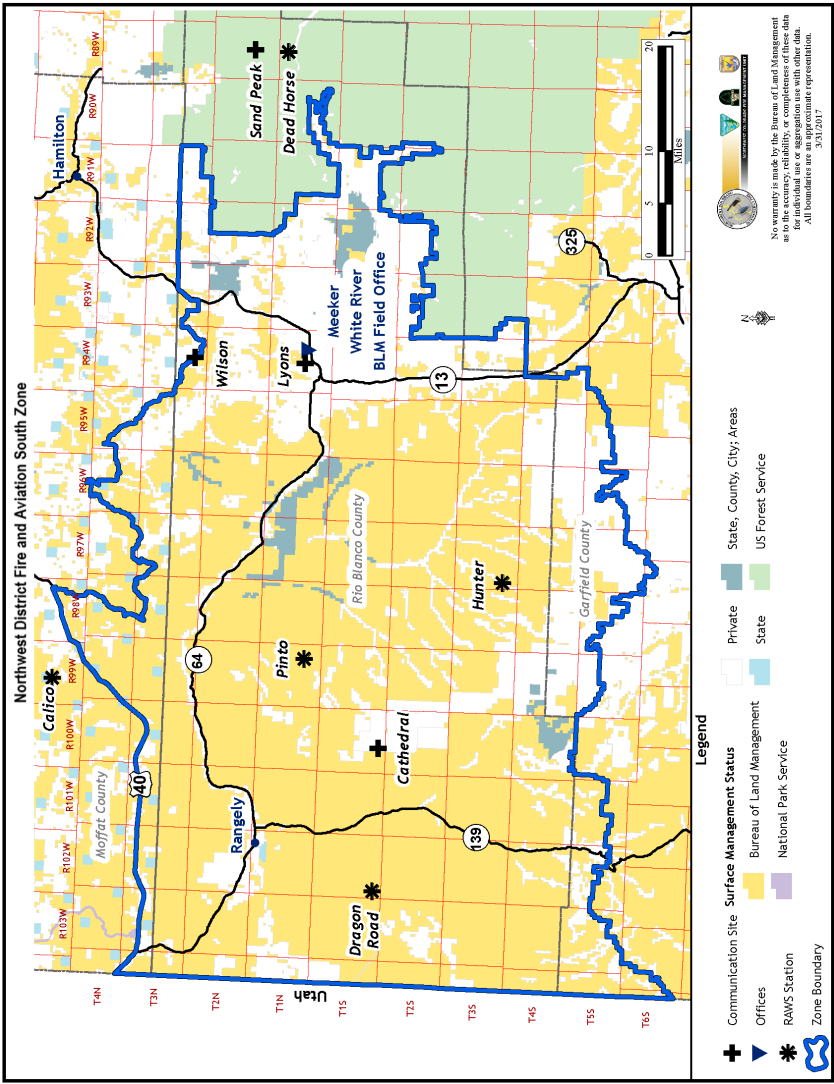
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	Bureau of Reclamation
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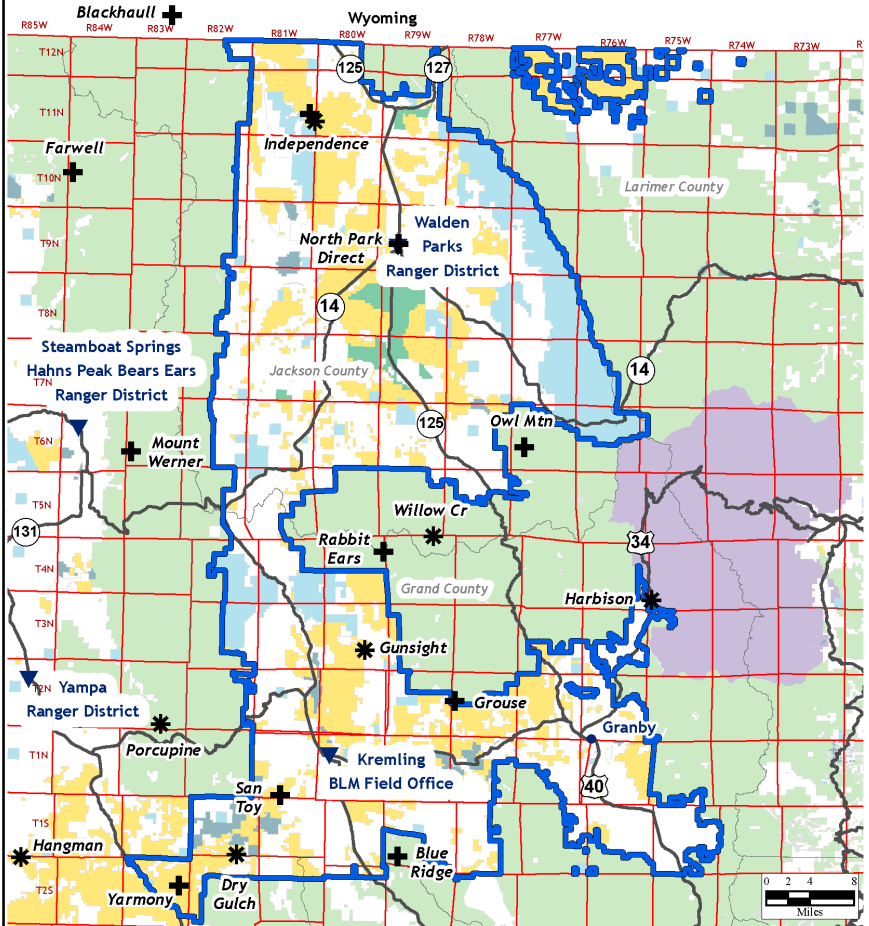
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Northwest District Fire and Aviation East Zone



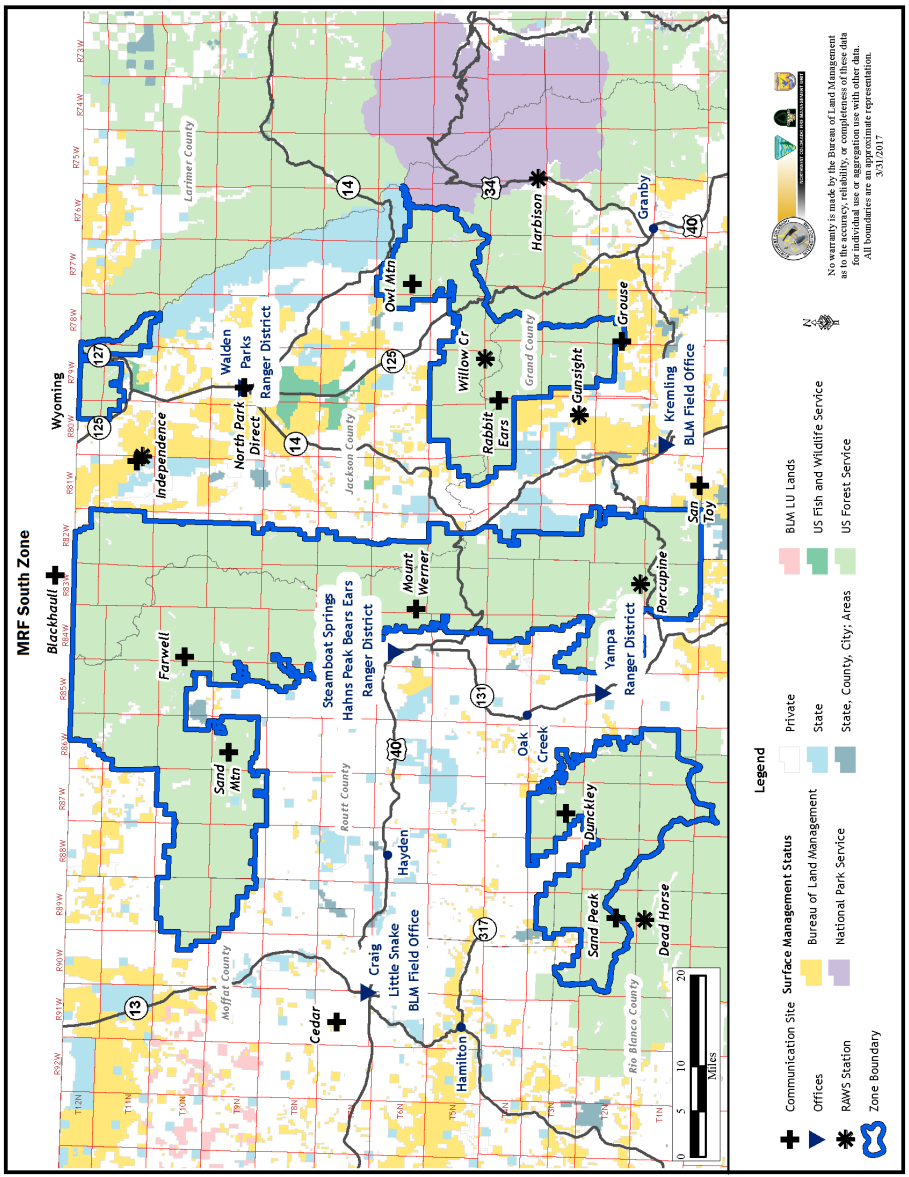
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- +** Communication Site
- ▼** Offices
- *** RAWs Station
- ⊕** Zone Boundary
- Surface Management Status**
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - National Park Service
 - Private
 - State
- State, County, City; Areas
- BLM LU Lands
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Forest Service



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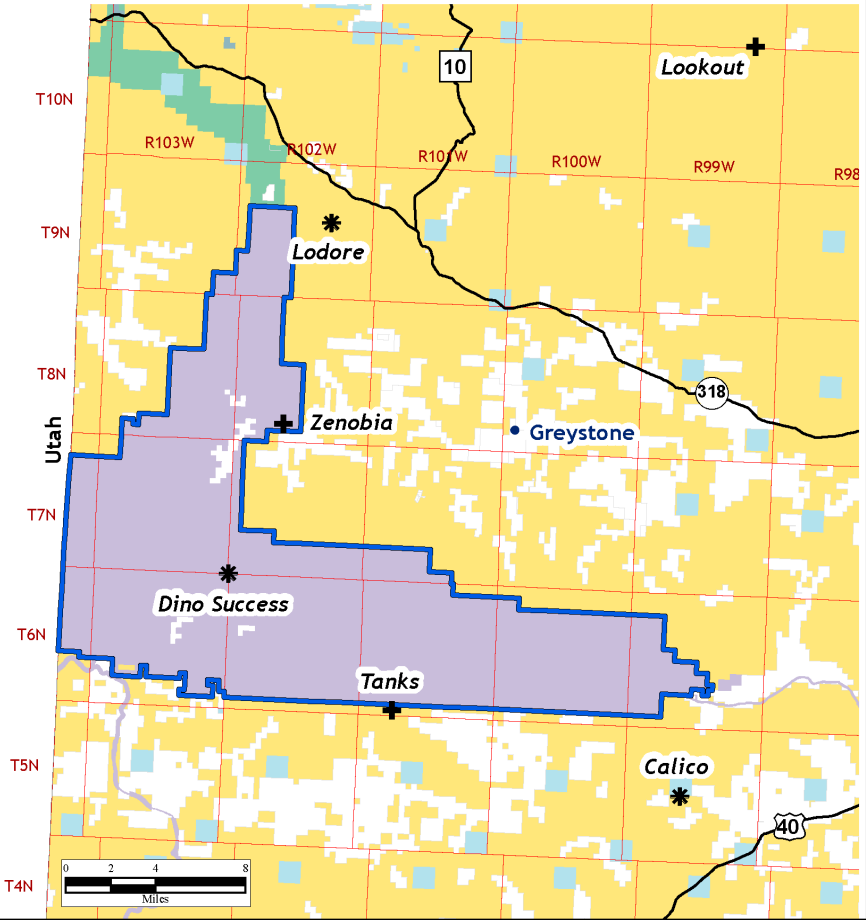
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Dinosaur National Monument



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| + Communication Site | Surface Management Status | State |
| ▼ Offices | Bureau of Land Management | State, County, City; Areas |
| * RAWS Station | National Park Service | US Fish and Wildlife Service |
| Zone Boundary | Private | |



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DISPATCH OPERATIONS

General:

CRC is staffed 7 days a week during fire season. Normal operating hours are 0730-1800.

Location:

Northwest Colorado Fire and Aviation Management Unit and CRC are housed within the BLM Little Snake Field Office, located on the east side of Craig along Hwy 40.

Address:

455 Emerson Street
Craig, Colorado 81625

CRC Contact Phone Numbers:

Dispatch Center (24 hour number)	(970) 826-5037
Initial Attack Fax	(970) 826-5051
Fire Management Fax	(970) 826-5055

CRC e-mail: cocrc@firenet.gov (use this address when you send detail request forms, planned RX forms, etc.)

CRC webpage: https://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2crc/index.htm

The dispatch center handles all initial attack dispatching at the facility in Craig. All radio communications are directed to "Craig Dispatch". All resource requests are processed by CRC (Overhead, Crews, Equipment, Supplies, and Aircraft). If a fire escapes initial attack, CRC will arrange support for the incident. If an incident requires an Overhead Team (Type 1-3) then CRC will order it. Unless the situation warrants a different arrangement, Expanded Dispatch will be located at the Craig facility.

Expanded Dispatch Numbers:

Supervisor:	(970) 826-5049
Overhead:	(970) 826-5048
Crews:	(970) 826-5044
Equipment:	(970) 826-5043
Supplies:	(970) 826-5045
Buying Team:	(970) 826-5046, 5047
Fax:	(970) 826-5117

Expectations

- If you are a government employee or cooperator (including hand/engine crews) you are expected to be self-sufficient and on per diem. If this is a problem, please see your supervisor immediately.
- AD rate employees are entitled to per diem. If you are not able to take care of your motel or meals notify your FMO so that arrangements can be made.
- AD rate employees will need the FMO to sign their time. The unit that did the hiring processes will do all time and travel. (For example, if you were hired by Big Bend National Park in Texas, you would then need to take your time documents to them for payment).
- If you are a field resource, be prepared to camp out (tent, sleeping bag, and personal gear bag).
- If you are staying in a hotel, **you must take your belongings with you each day.** There is no guarantee you will be back to the same location every night. This is strictly dependent upon where the activity is occurring in the area. Make sure you let dispatch know what hotel you are staying at for after-hours dispatches.
- Upon checking in/briefing, you will be provided maps of the area. Please return them when you are released. Be respectful and courteous in and around local communities. You are a reflection of this organization while working here.
- Any criminal activity or disturbances will be investigated and will result in immediate release and/or possible law enforcement action.
- It is your responsibility to keep track of your time on a CTR or electronic OF-288 and have the FMO sign prior to your release. **Dispatch cannot sign time sheets for fire suppression resources!** The fax machine in the Fire Management Area can be used to fax home timesheets.
- Work shifts that exceed 16 hours and/or consecutive days that do not meet the 2:1 work/rest ratios should be the exception. No work shifts should exceed 24 hours except for rare situations (i.e. initial attack). Justification of shifts over 16 hours will require documentation from the incident commander and/or Duty Officer (DO) except for initial attack. **Falsification of time will result in demobilization and/or disciplinary action.**
- If you need a radio programmed, please see the FMO to whom you are assigned. Dispatch does not have the equipment to clone or program radios.
- **All resources are expected to be at, or call into, the daily briefing at 0915** unless committed to a fire. **The phone number is 1-929-336-2435 and the passcode is 578850684#.** **You can also join the Teams call at (shorturl.at/hptNX)** The daily briefing is also posted on CRC's webpage by 1000.
- Fire weather is broadcast via the radio daily at 1100 and 1530. Dispatch will ask all resources (by zones) to acknowledge hearing the weather.
- Red Flag Warnings, Fire Weather Watches, severe weather alerts and updates to the weather forecast will be communicated to all firefighting personnel via radio or briefing. All field units in the affected zones will be expected to acknowledge the Warning, Watch or weather alert when read on the radio. A text message alert will also be sent to all participating federal and cooperator parties through WildCAD-E. The text message will contain the following information: which fire weather zone(s) are affected, what the alert is for (high winds, high temps, low RH, etc.) and what time the warning will expire (if applicable). CRC does NOT

expect a response. The sent text will be retained in WildCAD-E or firenet and serve as confirmation that the alert was sent.

- During your stay here you are encouraged to continue with your physical training (PT).
- If you are assigned within the NWDF, project work will come secondary to all fire and pre-suppression activities. Project work will be expected to be performed professionally and in an expedient manner.
- Upon checking in, your FMO will ask for, and document, your last days off to assure that work/rest guidelines are being met. Your Red Card will be checked and photocopied and provided to the DO. You will also be asked to sign a briefing checklist documenting you received an in-briefing.
- **When in the dispatch center please speak quietly.** Be respectful of personal space, desks, computer, and phone. Computer, phone, and workspace are available in the ready room/foreman's office.
- Enjoy your stay and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Initial Attack Operations and Protocols

- Resources will be dispatched using the "closest forces policy" which states that the nearest (in terms of response time) resource(s) will be dispatched regardless of agency affiliation. The FMO, or their representative, will be notified of response as soon as possible.
- Resource availability should be reported to dispatch and the DO prior to, or during, the morning briefing. Resource status should be reported as committed (i.e. on an incident, off unit, etc.), unavailable (i.e. mandatory days off, vehicle out of service, etc.) or available.
- Initial attack resources are to maintain communication with the dispatch center at all times.
- All resources are required to go in and out of service over the radio. This should occur in the morning when the resource **is ready to respond** to fires immediately and at the end of the day when the resource **is actually out of service** and personnel are leaving for the evening.
- Check in with dispatch via radio when leaving station, changing locations, arrival on-scene, departure from the scene and when you are back in station. Cell phone notification is permitted in cases where frequencies are busy or when a long, detailed message is to be communicated.
- Positioning and/or patrol routes of resources will be determined by the agency DO and coordinated with dispatch. No resources should preposition or patrol within another zone without being assigned by the respective Zone FMO, dispatch, or DO.
- Report all fires/smoke reports to the dispatch center immediately and await further instructions. A decision will be made based on set priorities, closest forces, Fire Management Plans, known prescribed fires, etc. **Self-dispatching will not be tolerated!**
- When reporting a fire, or upon arrival at the scene of a fire, it is imperative to provide dispatch with an accurate legal or latitude/longitude. Lat/Long will be followed by a confirmation of the format being used. There are three formats:

-Decimal Degrees (dD): 48.4618 X -117.8353

-Decimal Minutes (D, dM): 48 27.7 X 117 50.1

-Degrees, Minutes, Seconds (D, M, S): 48° 27' 42.04" X 117° 50' 07.48"

The agreed upon format within the dispatch zone for Latitude and Longitude is DECIMAL MINUTES (48 27.7 X 117 50.1). NAD 83 or WGS 84 will be the Datum standard for the NWDF, Routt National Forest and Dinosaur National Monument. Our WildCAD-E uses NAD 83.

- Before any suppression action is taken, dispatch will plot the fire and notify the DO so they can review the resource objectives. This will be relayed to resources prior to engaging. If a fire is a candidate for resource benefit, dispatch will notify the appropriate FMO or DO and appropriate planning actions will begin. Notify dispatch if the fire is in a WUI (Wildland Urban Interface) area.
- All incidents are assigned an Incident Action Number. This IA number will be provided to the resources responding and will be used in communications referencing the fire until the fire is sized up and receives a name (for example, "engine 494 responding to IA 234"). Be sure to include this number on all pertinent documentation related to the incident (size-up Cards, unit logs, etc.)
- Once on scene, assure the Incident Commander is designated and made clear to all resources. Inform dispatch of the IC's name and type and when any changes in command are made. As IC, you will name the fire using an **appropriate geographic reference** (provided the fire has not already been named by dispatch). This name will be relayed to dispatch to determine if the name is suitable (has not previously been used). At that point, all communications will be done by identifying yourself as the "name of fire" IC (i.e.: Pinyon Ridge IC).
 - **Fire names must have an *appropriate geographic reference***
 - **Do NOT use road numbers or names of landowners**
- No action is to be taken on the fire unless you have positive communication with dispatch. Cell phone communication, while not desirable, is acceptable until radio communication problems can be mitigated. If there is a need for a human repeater, assign a resource already committed to the fire or order one. A portable repeater is also available in Craig and can be requested through dispatch.
- If county aircraft are on scene of a fire, assure LCES is in place prior to engaging in suppression operations and notify Dispatch of the numbers and types.
- Provide a size-up of the fire to Dispatch using the Initial Response Size-up Card. Use clear text so resources en route understand the size-up. Use the size-up card to document any hazards and how they were mitigated.
- Human and Unknown caused fires require an investigator and a full suppression response. Protect the point of origin and notify dispatch. For fires on the Routt National Forest, dispatch will notify the LEO and FMO.
- Resources must adhere to the Interagency Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations "Safety and Risk Management" guidelines; Chapter 7 page 171 "Mobilization and Demobilization": *"To manage fatigue, every effort should be made to avoid off-unit (excluding IA response) mobilization and demobilization"*

travel between 2200 hrs. and 0500 hrs.” For the NWDF, this applies to on-unit fires as well.

- Think about a camping location long before you camp. Identify the areas where you can camp with good cell phone service and plan on being there before 2200 hours. Inform dispatch as soon as an IC determines that they will be working on a fire past 2200 or camping out overnight so staffing can be planned accordingly. Whenever possible notify dispatch by 1600. Dispatchers must adhere to the same work/rest guidelines as firefighters and this time gives us a chance to find night staffing prior to the Field Office going home for the day.
- A MEDEVAC contact location will be required for all incidents, regardless of size or location. This can be the incident location. Identify a possible landing site and provide dispatch with a geographic description or preferably, a lat/long as soon as possible. This is where the MEDEVAC helicopter will make initial contact for directions to the MEDEVAC landing site. If it's adequate, the lat/long for the incident may be used.

Night Operations

During periods of high fire activity, the dispatch center may be staffed 24 hours. Night dispatch will be ordered when any of the following conditions are met:

- **When the only form of communication to/from field personnel is radio**
- **If no local resources are present with the field personnel camping out (unless at a designated campsite with cell service).**
- **An incident management team is in place**
- **There will be consistent very early or late supply runs to the incident**

When none of those conditions are encountered, and it is deemed acceptable for field resources to camp without night dispatch, a phone call *from the camp site* must be placed to dispatch to confirm cell phone reception. The number of the contact phone must be provided to dispatch. **If there is an emergency at the campsite and dispatch is not staffed, call 911 immediately then notify dispatch through the answering service.**

Transition to Night Staffing in Dispatch

A courtesy notification to the field will be made when the last primary dispatcher transitions with a night dispatcher. This is for the field's situational awareness only and NOT a last-minute cue to place additional resource orders.

Medical Support Orders

Even if your incident is relatively small (e.g. Type 3 or managed for resource benefit), if you expect to camp out on the fire for several days or if you have a larger number of resources assigned to the fire, consider ordering a Paramedic or Advanced EMT for the incident if one is not already on the fire. These resources should be ordered with Advanced Life Support kits which would include oxygen, AED's, and other supplies which

might make the difference between life and death until a patient can be transported to a hospital should a medical emergency occur.

Initial Attack Tone-out Procedures

Craig Dispatch will use the following tone-out radio procedures for new initial attack incidents during normal business hours *when **NOT** in "lightning mode"*.

Incidents reported on the Routt National Forest will be toned out only on Forest repeaters. Incidents reported on the East Zone will be toned out over North, South and Forest repeaters. Incidents reported on the North or South Zone, including Dinosaur National Park and Brown's Park National Wildlife Refuge will be simulcast over both North and South zone repeaters. Initial incident information will also be simulcast to assure good information sharing.

- **Smoke Reports: Alert Warble**

After receiving a smoke report, dispatch will gather as much information as possible from the reporting party (RP), and start an Incident Action card and a new incident in WildCAD-E. Dispatch will then tone out the new incident with the Alert Warble in the applicable Zone(s), using the following script:

- " _____ (resource(s) being dispatched), **Smoke Report.**"
- " _____ "(resource(s) being dispatched respond with call sign.)"
- " _____ (resource(s) being dispatched) **respond to IA ____ located in _____ (T-R-S or geographic location), Response Area _____ ,**
- _____ (other pertinent information such as best access, known hazards, landmarks, etc.)"
- " _____ (resource(s) being dispatched) responding to IA ____ . ETE: *hmm*"

When *additional resources* are requested to respond to an existing incident they will **NOT** be toned out. The resource will be ordered by call sign over the radio to respond to the incident by the incident name or IA number.

- **Smoke Reports: Located by Field Units**

When a field unit reports a smoke to dispatch, they may or may not be the resource requested to respond based on closest available forces. If the reporting unit IS NOT the resource responding, the smoke report will be toned out according to the Alert Warble script above.

If the reporting unit IS the resource responding (which will be confirmed by dispatch with the resource prior to their response), or when a field unit reports on scene of a new incident, (such as a fire discovered along a roadside that does not require a hike-

in) the smoke reports will be toned out in the appropriate zone(s) using the following Advisory script:

- **“All units be advised that _____ (resource responding or on scene) is responding to a smoke report, IA _____, at _____ (T-R-S or geographic location),**
- **Response Area _____”**

- **Aircraft**

If they are the first to respond, aircraft will be notified of a new incident by phone, followed up with a warble alert tone and the Advisory script on the radio so the field will be aware of the new incident. If aircraft are requested on an existing incident they will NOT be toned out.

“Lightning Mode” Dispatch Procedures

The Craig Dispatch area frequently experiences monsoonal weather patterns that result in a high volume of lightning-caused fires. During these events, the DO or FMO in the affected zone(s) may prioritize fires based on size-up information and provide dispatch with requests for specific resources to respond to each incident.

After 2 consecutive smoke reports on any given zone that are likely to be lightning-caused, consultation between Dispatch and DO’s/FMO’s will trigger “lightning mode” dispatch procedures, and tone-out procedures will be temporarily suspended for that zone.

Because lightning caused fires may cluster over a specific zone or zones (North, South, East or Forest), suspending tone-out procedures will be zone-specific. An announcement will be made over the radio **to all zones** when tone-out procedures are temporarily suspended for any zone or area.

Once a zone enters lightning mode and tone-out procedures are suspended, they will remain suspended until start of shift the following day, when a return to tone-out procedures will be assumed unless dispatch is otherwise notified by the Zone FMO or DO. DOs should contact Dispatch ASAP the following morning to confirm.

Ordering

- Order resources by type. No name requests but name “suggests” are welcome. For example, order a Type 4 engine, do not order E-1419.
- Be specific regarding what you want (quantity, types, special needs such as 4x4 capable, etc.)

- Be realistic on the date and time resources/supplies are needed. **Please don't say "ASAP" because we WILL ask for a needed date/time!** Dispatch needs to have a realistic time on the order in case it gets sent to RMCC or higher.
- Consolidate your orders to eliminate numerous trips to your fire and additional workload on dispatch.
- Give good directions to the delivery point.
- You must provide justification for unusual requests.
- Strike Teams are not recognized by the dispatch system and those resources need to be ordered separately.
- **Must be self-sufficient for at least the first 24 hrs, plan on up to 48 hrs. When ordering meals, the cutoffs for ordering are 0800 for final numbers for dinners that night and 1400 for final numbers for the next day's breakfasts and lunches. Do not forget to plan for incoming resources. Remember to reduce the head count if you anticipate releasing resources in the future. Local resources returning home for the evening are NOT allowed to be provided meals.**
- Tactical frequencies are ordered ONLY through dispatch.

Supply Requests

- Incident Commanders have the tacit authorization to order supplies during suppression operations. CRC will be responsible for completing the General Message, via radio or telephone, and ordering it through the correct channels (e.g. placing the requests with a local cache or Rocky Mountain Cache). **For Type 3 incidents Supplies will be requested twice daily, one supply request in the morning (around 0800) and one in the afternoon (around 1400).**
- When requesting supplies outside of suppression operations, a General Message will be completed by the requesting individual. The following information **IS REQUIRED** to be listed on the General Message:
 - The name of the person who is requesting the S #
 - The incident name and/or number
 - The name of the person who will be purchasing the item(s)
 - Where the item(s) will be purchased
 - When the item(s) will be purchased
 - What the method of payment will be (i.e. John Doe's Credit Card, etc.)
- **Once the General Message is completed, it must be approved and signed by the Zone FMO, DO, or AFMO/FMO before being given to dispatch for processing.**
- General Messages may be hand delivered or faxed to CRC. They may also be emailed to CRC if the request is first forwarded to, and approved by, the appropriate approving official. The approving official will approve the request in the email and forward it on to dispatch.
- **NFES Supplies:** If the equipment and supplies are unavailable at the incident for replacement AND the requesting resource is being demobilized, an Incident Replacement Requisition will be completed by the host unit and forwarded to the local dispatch unit for input into the IROC/ICBS interface and sent to the servicing cache. The servicing cache will then forward to the requesting resources geographic area cache if applicable.

- **Incident Replacement Orders Type3, Type 4 and Type 5 Incidents (NMG 40):** Replacement orders must be processed within 30 days of control of the incident.
- **Resource orders will be “filled with local purchase” and include the requester as the contact person for actual fill information.**

Aircraft

- **Tactical Aircraft Orders:** All tactical aircraft orders will be placed with an Initial Attack/Aircraft Dispatcher. Requests will be filled on a first come first served basis unless multiple incidents require the establishment of priorities. In such instances, the Dispatch Center Manager (or acting) will consult with the appropriate agency representative or local Multi-Agency Coordinating (LMAC) Group if multiple agencies are involved. Until the meeting or conference call can occur, priorities will be established according to policies and procedures set forth in the National Mob Guide.
- When ordering aircraft for your incident, clearly state any threats (primary residences, outbuildings, communication sites, resource concerns, etc.) as well as an estimated time to impact the threatened resource. This will determine resource allocation and assist with setting priorities. When the IC orders aircraft, dispatch will assign the air to ground frequencies.
- Aircraft assigned to your incident will flight follow with dispatch until positive communication is made with the incident. At that time the aircraft may be flight followed locally with the incident until reassigned or returning. It is the IC's responsibility to notify dispatch when aircraft arrive on scene and are in contact.
- It is also the IC's responsibility to notify dispatch when aircraft are departing the incident. This is extremely important when helicopters are leaving your incident and going to a dip site without a dip site manager. This will enable a smooth transition for handing off the flight following responsibilities.
- If several aircraft are assigned to your incident and it is expected to be a multi-day event, a TFR (Temporary Flight Restriction) should be ordered. If an order for a TFR is not received, dispatch will take the initiative and suggest a TFR.
- When a TFR is ordered, or the incident looks like it may have aircraft on it for several days, dispatch will order incident specific A/G and A/A frequencies in order to release the local IA frequencies for further use.
- Immediately notify dispatch of any TFR intrusions. If possible, provide the aircraft type, color, and tail number. You will also need to file a Safecom.

Demobilization

- The IC is responsible for closing out with resources (signing shift tickets, timesheets, and completing inspections). This is really important if we go beyond the mutual aid period (normally midnight after the 1st shift or possibly midnight after the 2nd shift if it's believed the fire can be caught with an additional shift). If you need help doing this, place an order for an EQTR (Equipment Time Recorder) or PTRC (Personnel Time Recorder).

- If at all possible, notify dispatch in advance of the planned demob of resources on your fire to facilitate reassignments in a timely manner.
- Notify dispatch when resources are leaving the incident and provide an ETA to their destination. **This is very important when dealing with contract resources for payment purposes.**
- Initial Response Size-up Cards are to be completed by the IC or FMO. Blank cards can be obtained from your FMO or dispatch. Completed cards are to be returned to dispatch within 2 days of the fire being called out.

CRAIG DISPATCH AREA FIRECODE CHART 2024

CODING TYPE	BLM-LSD, WRD, KRD, USFS PD + FireCode+24 (1522 override)	FWS-BPR & ARR USFS PR + FireCode+24 (1522 override)	NPS-DSP USFS PP + FireCode+24 (1522 override)	USFS-MRF USFS P2 + FireCode+24 (0206 override for MRF)
Fire Suppression	1 Firecode per Fire Base 8: LF10000.HU0000 LFSPXXX0000 OT: LF20000.HU0000 LFSPXXX0000 Enter Fire Code in place of "XXXX"	1 Firecode per Fire Base 8: Preparedness employees: Base charged to Home Unit Base 8 for Others & OT: WBS: FF.F20000##ZZZZ0 Fund: 24X Cost Center: Home Unit Default Enter FWS Region number in place of "##" Enter Fire Code in place of "ZZZZ"	1 Firecode per Fire For agency specific guidance see National Park Service Budget Structure	1 Firecode for all ABCD Lightning Fires, FY24 Med Bow/Routt ABCD P2EKU1(0206) All fires larger than class D receive a unique Firecode. All fires that are human caused receive a unique Firecode. Preface Firecode with "P2" For fires on other agencies lands BLM Fires = "PD" FWS Fires = "PR" NPS Fires = "PP" Other Fires = "PN" All fire time to Fire codes
Reimbursable/Billable Human Fires	1 Firecode per Fire	1 Firecode per Fire	1 Firecode Per Fire	1 Firecode per Fire Preface with "P2" (or other region)
Less Than Full Suppression Fires	1 Firecode Per Fire LF20000.IT0000 LFSPXXX0000 Enter Fire Code in place of "XXXX"	1 Firecode per Fire	1 Firecode Per Fire	
Support Orders (Used when direct support to a specific fire cannot be identified)	NWDFAsupport 2024 See Craig Interagency Dispatch Center	NWDFAsupport 2024 See Craig Interagency Dispatch Center	NWDFAsupport 2024 See Craig Interagency Dispatch Center	Med Bow/Routt NF – FY24 Fire Support See Forest Service Official
False Alarms	LF10000.HU0000 LFSPXXX0000 LF20000.HU0000 LFSPXXX0000 Enter Fire Code in place of "XXXX" Each false alarm will receive its own Firecode	BPR-65550– FF06RBRP00 ARR–65520- FF06RARP00 Each false alarm will receive its own Firecode	Each false alarm will receive its own Firecode	Use Med/Bow MRF ABCD P2EKU1(0206) for all MRF False Alarms
<p>***FireCodes will be posted on CRC's WildWeb *** USFS Job code lookup: http://fsweb wo.fs.fed.us/aqm3/apps/jobcodelookup/</p>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ USFS must always have an override code attached to fire time and travel. Use the override code of the incident region & unit or 1522 for all non-FS fires. ➢ NOTE: Due to delays in financial systems, a newly generated Firecode may not be accepted into pay programs for several days especially if a new Firecode is generated on a Thursday-Sunday. Do not expect the Firecode to be available for use until the next Tuesday of the work week. USFS employees use the Job code lookup if you have any questions. ➢ It is suggested all USFS employees become familiar with Use of Incident Job Codes for FY2024 memo. ➢ FireCode not used by any agency for FEMA incidents. <p style="text-align: center;">The following should be contacted for agency specific questions: BLM: Tamara Sandoval, NWDFAs, Business Management (970) 878-3801 NPS: Mike Guarino, Dinosaur Fire Management Officer (Acting) (970) 629-1908 FWS: Tracy Swenson, Zone FMO 435-734-6449 or Region 6 – NWRS Budget Division, Gina Martinez (303) 236-4351 USFS: Hutson Vann, MBR-Administrative Officer (307) 745-2406</p>				

Logistics and Administration

Meals and Lodging

Restaurant Rules

These rules apply to personnel or crews that need meals provided by local procurement because they are not self-sufficient.

- Bring receipt back to Dispatch or local procurement office that set up your meals with names of ALL personnel written on it (legibly) or a copy of a manifest attached. Receipts from meals for the previous day MUST be turned in before more meals can be ordered.
- NO alcohol may be purchased!
- No in-room movies or meals are to be charged to your room.
- Meal limits (all towns in our unit are \$59 except Steamboat which is \$79)

M & IE	\$59 CONUS	\$79 Steamboat Springs
Breakfast	13	18
Lunch	15	20
Dinner	26	36
Incidentals	5	5

- Lodging Rates (excluding taxes)

For Steamboat Springs: Dec-Mar \$233; Apr-May \$113; Jun-Nov \$158
For most other communities within our unit: \$107

For other locations reference this website:

<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104877>

- **Rental Vehicles:** Rental Vehicles are considered accountable property.

Remember:

**You are a reflection of this organization while working here.
Please be respectful and courteous in and around our communities.**

Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Policy-Response to Wildland Fire

Fire Management Plans

It is the mission of the three BLM Field Offices, Browns Park & Arapaho Wildlife Refuges working under the Northwest Colorado Fire Management Plan (NWCMP), the three USFS District Offices working under the Routt National Forest's Fire Management Plan (FMP), and the Dinosaur National Monument, working under the Dinosaur National Monument's Fire Management Plan (FMP) to manage all wildland fires occurring on public lands within Northwestern Colorado consistent with agency land or resource management plans.

Some things to note:

- A wildland fire may be concurrently managed for one or more objectives and objectives can change as the fire spreads across the landscape.
- Objectives are affected by changes in fuels, weather, topography, varying social understanding and tolerance, and involvement of other governmental jurisdictions having different missions and objectives.

Management Intent:

- ***The protection of human life is the single, overriding suppression priority.*** Setting protection priorities among human communities and community infrastructure, other property and improvements, and natural and cultural resources will be done based on the values to be protected, human health and safety, and the cost effectiveness of operations. Once people have been committed to an incident, these human resources become the highest value to be protected.
- The full range of fire management activities will be used to achieve ecosystem sustainability including its interrelated ecological, economic and social components.
- Wildland fire and prescribed fires will be used to protect, maintain, and enhance resources, and, as nearly as possible, be allowed to function in its natural ecological role. Response to wildland fire will be based on guidance included in the appropriate agencies FMP and will follow specific prescriptions contained in operational plans.

The basic fire management response on federal land will be based on objectives established in the applicable Land and Resource Management Plan(s) and/or the Fire Management Plan(s). Responses will be coordinated across jurisdictional boundaries.

- Firefighter and public safety is the first priority and will remain the primary consideration in determining the response to wildland fire. Other items considered are resource management objectives, the natural role of fire in the ecosystem, long and short seasonal drying trends, observed burning potential, daily weather predictions, burning indices for each fire, fire suppression costs and net value change, including threats to private property.

Fire Management Units for NWDFFA FMP

Strategies have been categorized into A, B, C or D polygons (Fire Management Units (FMUs)) and associated objective tables, representing a continuum of responses to wildfires from full suppression in A polygons, through fire used for resource benefits in D polygons.

Fire Management Unit	Response Strategy
A: Wildfire and prescribed fire not desired.	Full Suppression response using Direct Strategy. Initial action on human-caused fires will be to suppress the fire at lowest cost with the fewest negative consequences with respect to firefighter and public safety.
B: Wildfire not desired due to social, political and resource value protection. Prescribed fire desired.	Suppression oriented response using Direct or Perimeter Strategy. Prescribed fire used to reduce fuels and to maintain ecosystem health.
C: Wildfire desired but some constraints may limit the potential fires managed for resource benefits.	Response to wildland fire dictated by values at risk and/or resource benefit opportunities using full perimeter control, limited perimeter control, a confinement strategy, or monitoring.
D: Wildfire desired with few constraints.	Response to wildland fire dictated by values at risk while emphasizing resource benefit opportunities using the full range of response strategies including monitoring and surveillance. Fires in D polygons offer the most response strategy flexibility.

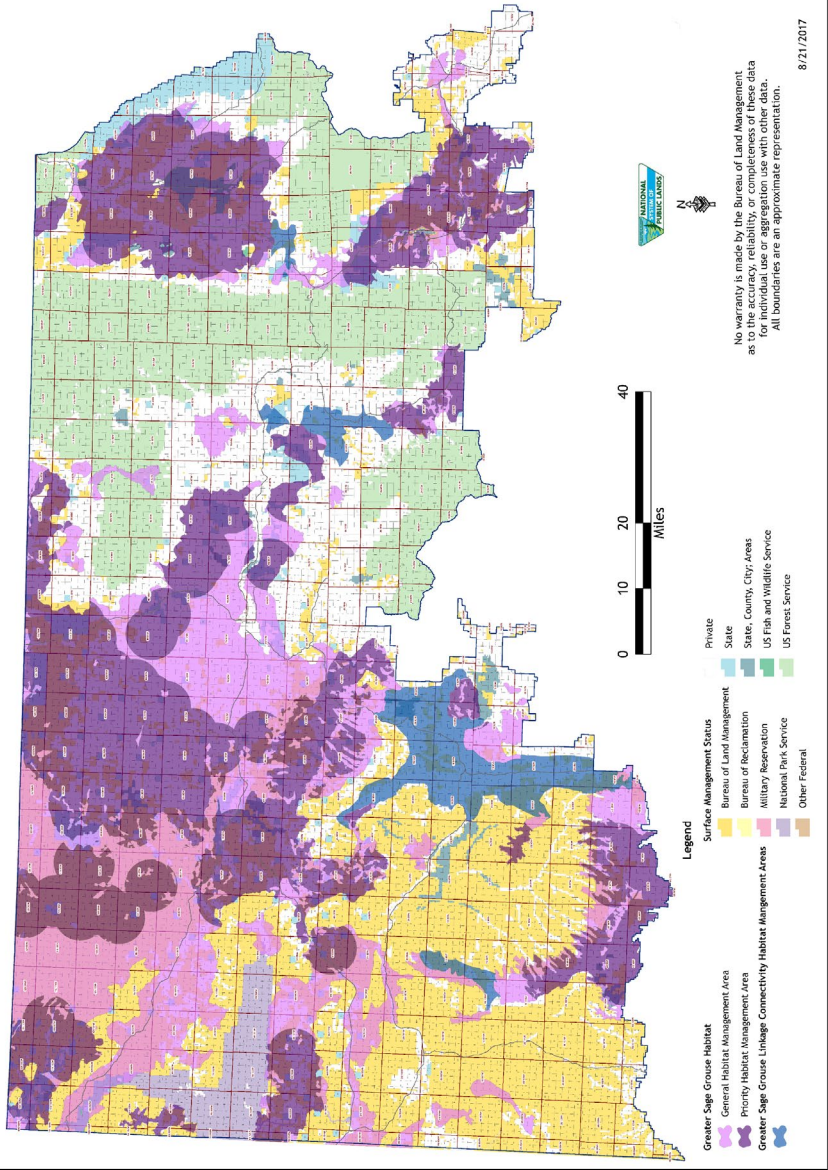
Fire Management Units for Routt National Forest FMP

Strategies have been categorized into two general responses. Those Fire Management Units that require a suppression-oriented response and those Fire Management Units that allow a full range of fire management responses. All responses whether suppression oriented or other are defined in the Fire Management Plan through the collective use of direct, perimeter and prescription control strategies. During an incident, the IC will receive information from dispatch through communication with the Forest DO in regard to preferred strategies. The IC has full authority to employ any available tactic if firefighter and public safety is immediately threatened.

Fire Management Units for the Dinosaur National Monument FMP

The monument has only one FMU; it encompasses the entire monument. The FMU allows for all strategies, from full suppression to allowing fire for resource benefit. A Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) decision will be completed for each fire. The WFDSS will determine the strategy objectives and constraints for the fire. The DO, in consultation with monument staff, may make the call on the strategy before finishing the WFDSS. This information will be communicated to the IC for implementation.

Northwest District Fire and Aviation Greater Sage Grouse Habitat & Linkage Areas



Zone 1 I.A. Response Area: 1		
Fuel Model	Rate of Spread	
SH 7	11	46 191

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PREPLANNED DISPATCH CARD

Representative RAWS	
Zone 1 Sig	
Ladore	Calico
Dragon Road	Pinto
Hunter Creek	

Resources	DISPATCH ACTION BASED ON RESPONSE LEVEL		
	RESPONSE LEVEL "LOW" BI = 0-130	RESPONSE LEVEL "MODERATE" BI = 131-177	RESPONSE LEVEL "HIGH" BI= 178+
Engine (T4.5.6) or Squad	Respond 1	Respond 2	Respond 2
Hand Crew (T1 or T2IA)			Respond 1
ICT4			
ICT3			Notify
SOFR			Notify
Interagency Helicopter			
Air Tanker(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
SEAT(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
Air Attack w/ATGS			Respond 1
Tender			
MMA			
Respond	Resources will proceed directly to the incident at the direction of the dispatchers.		
Notify	Notification will be the responsibility of the Agency Duty Officer.		
Special Instructions for Dispatchers/Areas of Special Concern			
Urban Interface with mixed ownership-private, city, County and BLM.			
If no resources available in zone check with IC and DO for out of area resources.			
Special areas:			
During hours 1730-0900: Contact duty officer to determine responding resources.			
<p align="center">Initial Attack Communications Plan</p> <p>Appropriate channel group will vary by location of incident. Refer to the Craig Interagency Field Operations Guide for appropriate group.</p>			

Zone 1 I.A. Response Area: 2		
Fuel Model	Rate of Spread	
SH 7	11	46 191

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Hunter Creek	

Resources	DISPATCH ACTION BASED ON RESPONSE LEVEL		
	RESPONSE LEVEL "LOW" BI = 0-130	RESPONSE LEVEL "MODERATE" BI = 131-177	RESPONSE LEVEL "HIGH" BI= 178+
Engine (T4.5.6) or Squad	Respond 1	Respond 2	Respond 2
Hand Crew (T1 or T2IA)			Respond 1
ICT4			
ICT3			Notify
SOFR			Notify
Interagency Helicopter			Respond 1
Air Tanker(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
SEAT(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			Respond 2 (GEL/Water only)
Air Attack w/ATGS		Respond 1	Respond 1
Tender			
MMA			Respond 1
Respond	Resources will proceed directly to the incident at the direction of the dispatchers.		
Notify	Notification will be the responsibility of the Agency Duty Officer.		
Special Instructions for Dispatchers/Areas of Special Concern			
Some Urban-Interface with NPS ownership .			
If no resources available in zone check with IC and DO for out of area resources.			
Special areas:			
During hours 1730-0900: Contact duty officers to determine responding resources.			
<p align="center">Initial Attack Communications Plan</p> <p>Appropriate channel group will vary by location of incident. Refer to the Craig Interagency Field Operations Guide for appropriate group.</p>			

Zone 1 I.A. Response Area: 3		
Fuel Model	Rate of Spread	
SH 7	11	46 133

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Representative RAWS	
Zone 1 Sig	
Ladore	Calico
Dragon Road	Pinto
Hunter Creek	

Resources	DISPATCH ACTION BASED ON RESPONSE LEVEL		
	RESPONSE LEVEL "LOW" BI = 0-130	RESPONSE LEVEL "MODERATE" BI = 131-177	RESPONSE LEVEL "HIGH" BI= 178-
Engine (T4.5.6) or Squad	Respond 1	Respond 2	Respond 3
Hand Crew (T1 or T2IA)			
ICT4			
ICT3			Notify
SOFR			Notify
Interagency Helicopter			
Air Tanker(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
SEAT(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
Air Attack w/ATGS			Respond 1
Tender			
MMA			
Respond	Resources will proceed directly to the incident at the direction of the dispatchers.		
Notify	Notification will be the responsibility of the Agency Duty Officer.		
Special Instructions for Dispatchers/Areas of Special Concern			
Urban Interface with mixed ownership-private, city, County and BLM.			
If no resources available in zone check with IC and DO for out of area resources.			
Special areas:			
During hours 1730-0900: Contact duty officer to determine responding resources.			
Initial Attack Communications Plan			
Appropriate channel group will vary by location of incident. Refer to the Craig Interagency Field Operations Guide for appropriate group.			

Zone 2 I.A. Response Area: 2.1		
Fuel Model	Rate of Spread	
SH 7	15	28 39

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Representative RAWS	
Zone 2 Sig	
Deep Creek	Great Divide
Dry Lake	

Resources	DISPATCH ACTION BASED ON RESPONSE LEVEL		
	RESPONSE LEVEL "LOW" BI = 0-31	RESPONSE LEVEL "MODERATE" BI = 32-38	RESPONSE LEVEL "HIGH" BI= 39+
Engine (T4.5.6) or Squad	Respond 1	Respond 3	Respond 4
Hand Crew (T1 or T2IA)			Respond 1
ICT4			
ICT3			
SOFR			
Interagency Helicopter			Respond 1
Air Tanker(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
SEAT(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			Respond 2
Air Attack w/ATGS			Respond 1
Tender			
MMA		Respond 1	Respond 1
Respond	Resources will proceed directly to the incident at the direction of the dispatchers.		
Notify	Notification will be the responsibility of the Agency Duty Officer.		
Special Instructions for Dispatchers/Areas of Special Concern			
Urban Interface with mixed ownership-private, city, County and BLM.			
If no resources available in zone check with IC and DO for out of area resources.			
Special areas:			
During hours 1730-0900: Contact duty officer to determine responding resources.			
Initial Attack Communications Plan			
Appropriate channel group will vary by location of incident. Refer to the Craig Interagency Field Operations Guide for appropriate group.			

Zone 2 I.A. Response Area: 2.2		
Fuel Model	Rate of Spread	
SH 7	15	28 39

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Representative RAWS	
Zone 2 Sig	
Deep Creek	Great Divide
Dry Lake	

Resources	DISPATCH ACTION BASED ON RESPONSE LEVEL		
	RESPONSE LEVEL "LOW" BI = 0-31	RESPONSE LEVEL "MODERATE" BI = 32-38	RESPONSE LEVEL "HIGH" BI= 39+
Engine (T4.5.6) or Squad	Respond 1	Respond 2	Respond 3
Hand Crew (T1 or T2IA)			Respond 1
ICT4			Nonfy
ICT3			Nonfy
SOFR			Nonfy
Interagency Helicopter			
Air Tanker(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
SEAT(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
Air Attack w/ATGS			
Tender			
MMA			
Respond	Resources will proceed directly to the incident at the direction of the dispatchers.		
Notify	Notification will be the responsibility of the Agency Duty Officer.		
Special Instructions for Dispatchers/Areas of Special Concern			
Urban Interface with mixed ownership-private, city, County and BLM.			
If no resources available in zone check with IC and DO for out of area resources.			
Special areas:			
During hours 1730-0900: Contact duty officer to determine responding resources.			
Initial Attack Communications Plan			
Appropriate channel group will vary by location of incident. Refer to the Craig Interagency Field Operations Guide for appropriate group.			

Zone 2 I.A. Response Area: 2.3		
Fuel Model	Rate of Spread	
SH 7	15	28 39

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Representative RAWs	
Zone 2 Sig	
Deep Creek	Great Divide
Dry Lake	

PREPLANNED DISPATCH CARD

Resources	DISPATCH ACTION BASED ON RESPONSE LEVEL		
	RESPONSE LEVEL "LOW" BI = 0-31	RESPONSE LEVEL "MODERATE" BI = 32-38	RESPONSE LEVEL "HIGH" BI= 39+
Engine (T4,5,6) or Squad	Respond 1	Respond 2	Respond 3
Hand Crew (T1 or T2IA)			Respond 1
ICT4			Notify
ICT3			Notify
SOFR			Notify
Interagency Helicopter			
Air Tanker(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
SEAT(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			Respond 2
Air Attack w/ATGS		Respond 1	Respond 1
Tender			
MMA			
Respond	Resources will proceed directly to the incident at the direction of the dispatchers.		
Notify	Notification will be the responsibility of the Agency Duty Officer.		
Special Instructions for Dispatchers/Areas of Special Concern			
Urban Interface with mixed ownership-private, city, County and BLM.			
If no resources available in zone check with IC and DO for out of area resources.			
Special areas:			
During hours 1730-0900: Contact duty officer to determine responding resources.			
Initial Attack Communication: Plan			
Appropriate channel group will vary by location of incident. Refer to the Craig Interagency Field Operations Guide for appropriate group.			

Zone 2 I.A. Response Area: 2.4		
Fuel Model	Rate of Spread	
SH 7	15	28 39

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Representative RAWs	
Zone 2 Sig	
Deep Creek	Great Divide
Dry Lake	

PREPLANNED DISPATCH CARD

Resources	DISPATCH ACTION BASED ON RESPONSE LEVEL		
	RESPONSE LEVEL "LOW" BI = 0-31	RESPONSE LEVEL "MODERATE" BI = 32-38	RESPONSE LEVEL "HIGH" BI= 39+
Engine (T4,5,6) or Squad	Respond 1	Respond 4	Respond 5
Hand Crew (T1 or T2IA)			Respond 1
ICT4			Notify
ICT3			Notify
SOFR			Notify
Interagency Helicopter			
Air Tanker(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
SEAT(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC		Respond 2	Respond 2
Air Attack w/ATGS		Respond 1	Respond 1
Tender			
MMA			
Respond	Resources will proceed directly to the incident at the direction of the dispatchers.		
Notify	Notification will be the responsibility of the Agency Duty Officer.		
Special Instructions for Dispatchers/Areas of Special Concern			
Urban Interface with mixed ownership-private, city, County and BLM.			
If no resources available in zone check with IC and DO for out of area resources.			
Special areas:			
During hours 1730-0900: Contact duty officer to determine responding resources.			
Initial Attack Communication: Plan			
Appropriate channel group will vary by location of incident. Refer to the Craig Interagency Field Operations Guide for appropriate group.			

Zone 3 I.A. Response Area: 1		
Fuel Model	Rate of Spread	
TL9	11	16 21
SH 7	17	40 49

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Representative RAWS	
Zone 3 Sig	
Guncight	Sawmill
Dry Lake	Sandstone

Resources	DISPATCH ACTION BASED ON RESPONSE LEVEL		
	RESPONSE LEVEL "LOW" BI = 0-69	RESPONSE LEVEL "MODERATE" BI = 70-95	RESPONSE LEVEL "HIGH" BI= 96-
Engine (T4.5.6) or Squad	Respond 1	Respond 2	Respond 3
Hand Crew (T1 or T2IA)			
ICT4			Notify
ICT3			Notify
SOFR			
Interagency Helicopter			
Air Tanker(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
SEAT(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
Air Attack w/ATGS			Notify
MMA			Respond 1
Respond	Resources will proceed directly to the incident at the direction of the dispatchers.		
Notify	Notification will be the responsibility of the Agency Duty Officer.		
Special Instructions for Dispatchers/Area: of Special Concern			
Urban Interface with mixed ownership-private, city, County, USFS, and BLM.			
If no resources available in zone check with IC and DO for out of area resources.			
Special areas:			
During hours 1730-0900: Contact duty officer to determine responding resources.			
Initial Attack Communications Plan			
Appropriate channel group will vary by location of incident. Refer to the Craig Interagency Field Operations Guide for appropriate group.			

Zone 3 I.A. Response Area: 2		
Fuel Model	Rate of Spread	
TL9	11	16 21
SH 7	17	40 49

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Representative RAWS	
Zone 3 Sig	
Guncight	Sawmill
Dry Lake	Sandstone

Resources	DISPATCH ACTION BASED ON RESPONSE LEVEL		
	RESPONSE LEVEL "LOW" BI = 0-69	RESPONSE LEVEL "MODERATE" BI = 70-95	RESPONSE LEVEL "HIGH" BI= 96-
Engine (T4.5.6) or Squad	Respond 1	Respond 3	Respond 4
Hand Crew (T1 or T2IA)		Respond 1	Respond 1
ICT4			
ICT3			Notify
SOFR			Notify
Interagency Helicopter		Respond 1	Respond 1
Air Tanker(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
SEAT(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
Air Attack w/ATGS		Respond 1	Respond 1
Tender			
MMA	Respond 1	Respond 1	Respond 1
Respond	Resources will proceed directly to the incident at the direction of the dispatchers.		
Notify	Notification will be the responsibility of the Agency Duty Officer.		
Special Instructions for Dispatchers/Area: of Special Concern			
Urban Interface with mixed ownership-private, city, County, USFS, and BLM.			
If no resources available in zone check with IC and DO for out of area resources.			
Special areas: Fires on Colorado State Forest dispatch notify DFPC DO			
During hours 1730-0900: Contact duty officer to determine responding resources.			
Initial Attack Communications Plan			
Appropriate channel group will vary by location of incident. Refer to the Craig Interagency Field Operations Guide for appropriate group.			

Zone 3 I.A. Response Area: 3		
Fuel Model	Rate of Spread	
TL9	11	16
SH 7	17	40

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Zone 3 Sig	
Gunsnight	Sawmill
Dry Lake	Sandstone

Resources	DISPATCH ACTION BASED ON RESPONSE LEVEL		
	RESPONSE LEVEL "LOW" BI = 0-69	RESPONSE LEVEL "MODERATE" BI = 70-95	RESPONSE LEVEL "HIGH" BI = 96+
Engine (T4.5.6) or Squad	Respond 1	Respond 2	Respond 3
Hand Crew (T1 or T2IA)			Respond 1
ICT4			
ICT3			Notify
SOFR			Notify
Interagency Helicopter		Respond 1	Respond 2
Air Tanker(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
SEAT(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
Air Attack w/ATGS		Respond 1	Respond 1
Tender			
MMA		Respond 1	Respond 1
Respond	Resources will proceed directly to the incident at the direction of the dispatchers.		
Notify	Notification will be the responsibility of the Agency Duty Officer.		
Special Instructions for Dispatchers/Areas of Special Concern			
Urban Interface with mixed ownership-private, city, County, USFS, and BLM. If no resources available in zone check with IC and DO for out of area resources. Consider USFS AR resources, Helicopter and engine			
Special areas:			
During hours 1730-0900: Contact duty officer to determine responding resources.			
Initial Attack Communications: Plan			
Appropriate channel group will vary by location of incident. Refer to the Craig Interagency Field Operations Guide for appropriate group.			

Zone 3 I.A. Response Area: 5		
Fuel Model	Rate of Spread	
TL9	11	16
SH 7	17	40

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Representative RAWS	
Zone 3 Sig	
Gunsnight	Sawmill
Dry Lake	Sandstone

Resources	DISPATCH ACTION BASED ON RESPONSE LEVEL		
	RESPONSE LEVEL "LOW" BI = 0-69	RESPONSE LEVEL "MODERATE" BI = 70-95	RESPONSE LEVEL "HIGH" BI = 96+
Engine (T4.5.6) or Squad	Respond 1	Respond 3	Respond 4
Hand Crew (T1 or T2IA)			Respond 1
ICT4			
ICT3			Notify
SOFR			Notify
Interagency Helicopter			Respond 1
Air Tanker(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
SEAT(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
Air Attack w/ATGS			Respond 1
Tender			
MMA			Respond 1
Respond	Resources will proceed directly to the incident at the direction of the dispatchers.		
Notify	Notification will be the responsibility of the Agency Duty Officer.		
Special Instructions for Dispatchers/Areas of Special Concern			
Urban Interface with mixed ownership-private, city, County, USFS, and BLM. If no resources available in zone check with IC and DO for out of area resources. Consider USFS AR resources, Helicopter and engine			
Special areas:			
During hours 1730-0900: Contact duty officer to determine responding resources.			
Initial Attack Communications: Plan			
Appropriate channel group will vary by location of incident. Refer to the Craig Interagency Field Operations Guide for appropriate group.			

Zone 3 I.A. Response Area: 6		
Fuel Model	Rate of Spread	
TL9	11	21
SH 7	17	49

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Gunsight	Sawmill
Dry Lake	Sandstone

Resources	DISPATCH ACTION BASED ON RESPONSE LEVEL		
	RESPONSE LEVEL "LOW" BI = 0-69	RESPONSE LEVEL "MODERATE" BI = 70-95	RESPONSE LEVEL "HIGH" BI= 96+
Engine (T4.5,6) or Squad	Respond 1	Respond 2	Respond 3
Hand Crew (T1 or T2IA)			
ICT4			
ICT3			Notify
SOFR			
Interagency Helicopter			Respond 1
Air Tanker(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
SEAT(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
Air Attack w/ATGS			Respond 1
Tender			
MMA			Respond 1
Respond	Resources will proceed directly to the incident at the direction of the dispatchers.		
Notify	Notification will be the responsibility of the Agency Duty Officer.		
Special Instructions for Dispatchers/Areas of Special Concern			
Urban Interface with mixed ownership-private, city, County, USFS, and BLM.			
If no resources available in zone check with IC and DO for out of area resources.			
Special areas:			
During hours 1730-0900: Contact duty officer to determine responding resources.			
Initial Attack Communication: Plan			
Appropriate channel group will vary by location of incident. Refer to the Craig Interagency Field Operations Guide for appropriate group.			

Zone 3 I.A. Response Area: 7		
Fuel Model	Rate of Spread	
TL9	11	21
SH 7	17	49

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Zone 3 Sig	
Gunsight	Sawmill
Dry Lake	Sandstone

Resources	DISPATCH ACTION BASED ON RESPONSE LEVEL		
	RESPONSE LEVEL "LOW" BI = 0-69	RESPONSE LEVEL "MODERATE" BI = 70-95	RESPONSE LEVEL "HIGH" BI= 96+
Engine (T4.5,6) or Squad	Respond 1	Respond 3	Respond 3
Hand Crew (T1 or T2IA)			Respond 2
ICT4			
ICT3			Notify
SOFR			Notify
Interagency Helicopter		Respond 1	Respond 1
Air Tanker(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
SEAT(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
Air Attack w/ATGS		Respond 1	Respond 1
Tender			
MMA		Respond 1	Respond 1
Respond	Resources will proceed directly to the incident at the direction of the dispatchers.		
Notify	Notification will be the responsibility of the Agency Duty Officer.		
Special Instructions for Dispatchers/Areas of Special Concern			
Urban Interface with mixed ownership-private, city, County, USFS, and BLM.			
If no resources available in zone check with IC and DO for out of area resources.			
Consider USFS AR resources, Helicopter and engine			
Special areas:			
During hours 1730-0900: Contact duty officer to determine responding resources.			
Initial Attack Communications: Plan			
Appropriate channel group will vary by location of incident. Refer to the Craig Interagency Field Operations Guide for appropriate group.			

Zone 3 I.A. Response Area: 12		
Fuel Model	Rate of Spread	
TL9	11	16 21
SH 7	17	40 49

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Resources	DISPATCH ACTION BASED ON RESPONSE LEVEL		
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Engine (T4.5.6) or Squad	Respond 1	Respond 1	Respond 2
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ICT4			
ICT3			Notify
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Interagency Helicopter		Respond 1	Respond 1
Air Tanker(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
SEAT(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
Air Attack w/ATGS		Respond 1	Respond 1
Tender			
MMA		Respond 1	Respond 1
Respond	Resources will proceed directly to the incident at the direction of the dispatchers.		
Notify	Notification will be the responsibility of the Agency Duty Officer.		
Special Instructions for Dispatchers/Areas of Special Concern			
Urban Interface with mixed ownership-private, city, County, USFS, and BLM. If no resources available in zone check with IC and DO for out of area resources			
Special areas: Zuike, Sarvis, Flattop Wilderness, Need Forest Supervisor approval for chainsaws, pumps, and helicopters			
During hours: 1730-0900: Contact duty officer to determine responding resources.			
Initial Attack Communications Plan			
Appropriate channel group will vary by location of incident. Refer to the Craig Interagency Field Operations Guide for appropriate group.			

Zone 3 I.A. Response Area: 14		
Fuel Model	Rate of Spread	
TL9	11	16 21
SH 7	17	40 49

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Resources	DISPATCH ACTION BASED ON RESPONSE LEVEL		
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Special areas:			
During hours: 1730-0900: Contact duty officer to determine responding resources.			
Initial Attack Communications Plan			
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Zone 3 I.A. Response Area: 15		
Fuel Model	Rate of Spread	
TL9	11	16 21
SH 7	17	40 49

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Engine (T4.5.6) or Squad	Respond 1	Respond 3	Respond 3
Hand Crew (T1 or T2IA)			Respond 1
ICT4			
ICT3			Notify
SOFR			Notify
Interagency Helicopter		Respond 1	Respond 1
Air Tanker(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
SEAT(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
Air Attack w/ATGS		Respond 1	Respond 1
Tender		Respond 1	Respond 1
MMA			
Respond	Resources will proceed directly to the incident at the direction of the dispatchers.		
Notify	Notification will be the responsibility of the Agency Duty Officer.		
Special Instructions for Dispatchers/Area of Special Concern			
Urban Interface with mixed ownership-private, city, County, USFS, and BLM.			
If no resources available in zone check with IC and DO for out of area resources.			
Special areas:			
During hours 1730-0900: Contact duty officer to determine responding resources.			
Initial Attack Communications Plan			
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Zone 3 I.A. Response Area: 16		
Fuel Model	Rate of Spread	
TL9	11	16 21
SH 7	17	40 49

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Hand Crew (T1 or T2IA)			Respond 1
ICT4			
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Air Tanker(s) - Confirm order with DO or IC			
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Air Attack w/ATGS		Respond 1	Respond 1
Tender		Respond 1	Respond 1
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Fire Operations on the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests & Thunder Basin National Grassland (MRF)

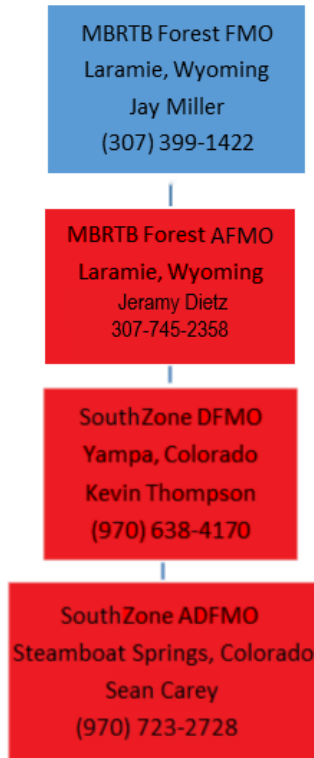
The Routt National Forest (South Zone) is part of a combined unit which also includes the Medicine Bow National Forest and the Thunder Basin National Grassland. This unit is properly known as the Medicine Bow - Routt National Forests & Thunder Basin National Grassland (MBRTB). The Craig Interagency Dispatch Center provides dispatch coverage for the South Zone portion of this unit which is south of the Colorado/Wyoming border. The Medicine Bow and Thunder Basin portions of the unit, which reside north of the Colorado/Wyoming border, use Casper Interagency Dispatch.

The MBRTB resources that are dispatched through the Craig Interagency Dispatch Center are managed on a daily basis through an assigned South Zone DO. Typically, the DO role is filled by one of the South Zone AFMOs or the Zone FMO. The DO for the shift will be noted during various daily briefings and will be updated on the Roll-Call app that will allow all cooperators to view daily resource status for the South Zone. The DO is the primary point of contact for the Craig Interagency Dispatch Center when a new incident is reported on forest. Resources are dispatched using the closest forces concept through the Craig Interagency Dispatch Center and the DO is notified by dispatch. The DO will contact all MBRTB staff members that need to be involved (this depends on the size, scope and potential of the incident). The DO is also responsible for daily assignments as well as assistance with logistical needs for resources not assigned to an incident that are stationed within the South Zone.

Fires located on Forest Service lands are managed using the MBRTB Fire Management Plan and all response and management actions will be based on firefighter safety and guidelines within this plan. The South Zone DO will make management decisions based on responding unit information, Land and Fire Management Plan guidelines and responsible Line Officer or Agency Administrator input. Objectives will be relayed from MBRTB fire management staff directly to the incident commander or through the Craig Interagency Dispatch Center. On all fires, the MBRTB Fire management staff also provide input in the decision-making process. The Incident Commander on scene has direct oversight and control of assigned resources and will make all decisions based on firefighter and public safety first, despite incident objectives.

MBRTB Fire Management Organization

This organizational chart shows the fire management chain of command for the entire MBRTB. Boxes in red represent fire management staff that would normally be involved on an incident located within the South Zone. The identified DO for the current operational period will be the first point of contact. The DO will notify appropriate fire management and line staff for the incident.



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Fire Operations Guidance within Bark Beetle Stands

Due to altered fuel conditions, personnel operating within the bark beetle environment should be aware of the imminent danger presented by dead and dying trees falling at an increasing rate across a broad forested landscape.

Purpose and Intent

Fire Operations Guidance is mindful of Foundational Fire Suppression Doctrine in the Forest Service. The first principle is: No resource or facility is worth the loss of human life however, the wildland fire suppression environment is complex and possesses inherent hazards that can---even with reasonable mitigation---result in harm to firefighters engaged in fire suppression operations. In recognition of this fact, we are committed to the aggressive management of risk.

This guidance provides a collection of potential hazards unique to bark beetle forests, including appropriate practices that have evolved over time within the wildland fire service. It does not provide absolute solutions to the unlimited number of situations that will occur.

This guidance within bark beetle stands is provided with the intention of being used in conjunction with existing fire risk management documents. No further protocols or rules are necessary to make informed risk management decisions for fire operations in bark beetle stands. The following hazard guidance is provided:

Tactical Hazards

- Withdrawal and/or reassessment should be considered if any of the following are present:
 - Thunderstorms in the immediate vicinity.
 - Wind speeds are strong enough that canopy movement is observed¹ (Consider that wind speeds at eye level in sheltered areas may not indicate the much greater winds aloft)
 - Reliable communication cannot be established with the appropriate Dispatch Center and remain in place 24/7 when resources are engaged.
- Due to limited ingress or egress in remote areas or in terrain without vantage points, consider using an aerial platform for risk assessment and size up.

¹ Beaufort Scale for Estimating 20-FT Wind speed, 2019 IRPG. page 72

Potential Fire Behavior Hazards

- Due to increased potential of extreme fire behavior, when ERCs approach the 90th percentile, air reconnaissance should be on scene within 1 hour of detection.
- The following situations, though possible on any wildfire, may be enhanced in bark beetle stands:
 - Accelerated transition to crown fire (when needles are present)
 - Increased rate of spread (Surface fire)
 - Resistance to control (Heavy dead and down)
 - Frequent spotting, including long range (>.25 miles)

Dinosaur NM Operations Guide

Dinosaur National Monument is just over 210,000 acres. The monument is located in Colorado and Utah. Dispatching of fire resources on the Colorado side is handled through Craig Interagency Dispatch Center and by the Uintah Basin Fire Center on the Utah side. The fire office and cache is located in the headquarters office 2 miles east of the city of Dinosaur. The Visitor Center, containing the paleontological resources, is located on the Utah side.

Harpers Corner Road, the Deerlodge Road, and the right of way are owned and managed by the monument. Moffat County CR14 goes from Harpers Corner to the east side of the monument. There are two lookouts, Zenobia on the north end, and Roundtop on the south boundary. The lookouts are on a staggered schedule so there is always a lookout up during the fire season.

Visitation on the monument is in the neighborhood of 300,000 per year; most of these visitors will be on the Utah side, but many will be in Colorado along Harpers Corner, county roads, and in the backcountry. The monument has a permitting system for backcountry camping. For fires in the backcountry check with fire staff or Rangers to assure there are no public in the fire area.

LE Rangers live at the remote residences in Lodore, Deerlodge and Echo Park in the summer. Rangers staff seven days a week year round. Request Ranger assistance for dealing with the public. The Rangers also have authority for all risk incidents. You will need to have Dinosaur frequencies in order to communicate with the Rangers.

There are two rivers that flow through the monument. The confluence of the two is in Echo Park, the center of the monument. There are 105 miles of river in the monument with very few places for access. These rivers dissect the monument and, due to the topography, make it very remote and difficult to access. The major vegetation type on the monument is pinyon-juniper. Second to this are the sagebrush steppes. There is privately owned land within the boundaries of the monument.

The complete spectrum of fire management strategies are available, from full suppression to allowing fires for resource benefit. Cheat grass is a significant concern to the monument and is one of the more significant factors in deciding the fire strategy.

A Risk and Complexity Analysis will be done for every fire. The size up card and RCA need to be turned into Dinosaur Fire Management Office.

Horn Hunting is Not Allowed

Wilderness

Most of the monument is proposed wilderness and is managed as such. A minimum tool analysis has been completed. The DO will relay the needed information to the IC, but as a minimum, Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics (MIST) must be followed. The analysis requirements will be documented in the WFDSS document.

Values at Risk

- Historical and prehistoric resources
- Paleontological resources
- Administrative buildings and employee housing
- Visitor use areas: campgrounds, overlooks, interpretive sites
- T&E species, other ecological sensitive areas

Constraints: The following are not allowed unless approved by the superintendent:

- Helicopter buckets from the river
- Retardant use
- Driving off road
- Use of heavy equipment

The Monument FMO may authorize any of the above when life or property is threatened.

The FMO is also the aviation officer. The FMO will notify the IC where it is appropriate to land helicopters or establish helispots. Aviation is a concern for raptors. Aviation resources may not be allowed to fly in certain areas due to known aeries. Management will notify the IC of this constraint at the time of the fire.

Weather, Fuels, Fire Behavior & Tactics

CRC is serviced by two National Weather Service (NWS) offices. Grand Junction weather **Zone 200, 201 and 202** covers Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt Counties. The Denver/Boulder office provides services for areas east of the Continental Divide and forecasts for **Zone 211, 212, 213, 217, and 218**.

Climate, fuels and topography vary greatly over the eight million acres of fire protection. The west end of the unit is characterized as a semi-arid plateau with gently rolling terrain to deeply bisected topography. As you move to the east, the landform rises dramatically through several climate zones up to, and including, alpine and tundra zones. Major fuel types include desert salt brush, sage community, pinyon/juniper woodlands, mountain brush, ponderosa, lodgepole pine, spruce/fir, alpine fir and tundra.

Weather

Three major summer weather features influence fire behavior in Northwest Colorado: monsoons, northern cold fronts and subsidence inversions. The annual presence of the monsoon flow creates both the source of fire ignition as well as the moisture that limits fire activity. The difference is the relative distance between the cloud base and the landform. The lower elevation plateau receives numerous dry lightning storms due to the evaporation of moisture falling from the cloud formations. This lightning belt is the second most active fire producing area in the United States behind the Mogollon Rim of Arizona and New Mexico. More rainfall hits the ground as the landform rises upward toward the cloud base. Fire occurrence drops off rapidly with the gain in elevation and increase in precipitation.

The monsoon begins in late May or early June and produces isolated occurrence of thunderstorms and associated fire starts. The true monsoon sets up around the Fourth of July with numerous daily thunderstorms with many of the storms producing little if any moisture at the lower elevation. By the third week in July the lower atmosphere usually saturates more quickly with each monsoonal cycle and the storms become wetter. The monsoonal influence usually abates in early August, as does the number of wildfires. With the abatement of the monsoon in August, the fuels at all elevations peak in terms of curing. It is at this point and through the fall the higher elevation areas have the greatest probability for large fires.

The second weather features of influence are the northern cold fronts that usually clip the northern half of the fire zone. The majority of the large fires at all elevations within the zone occur with the passage of northern cold fronts. Lightning levels are usually lower than with the monsoon, but cloud cover and higher humidity are of short duration, with a quick return to hotter and drier conditions following the event. Fire activity is often accelerated by the winds associated with the frontal passage.

The third weather feature is the occurrence of subsidence inversions that set up over the inter-mountain/Great Basin area. This event usually first occurs in June and marks the transition from spring to summer weather patterns. Rapid curing of annual grasses and

drying of large dead and down fuels takes place at this time and sets the stage for the lightning events of the monsoon and cold fronts that follow. This weather phenomenon may occur throughout the summer and early fall and is often followed by lightning events starting fires in very dry fuels.

Fuels

The major fuel types of the area are as varied as the climate diversity would indicate. In the lower elevations two major fuel components are found: the sage/grass and the pinyon/juniper woodlands (PJ). The majority of the fires occur in the PJ, while the larger acreage fires usually occur in the sage/grass.

The brush fuels commonly found at higher elevation and on the National Forest Lands include the oak brush and sagebrush types. Fuel loadings in the higher elevation sage brush (7500 feet plus) tend to be much lighter than loadings found at lower elevation in the western portion of the Fire Management Area. Fire behavior likewise exhibits lower levels of intensity, i.e. flame length, but with wind can move at high rates of spread.

Conifer stands comprised of lodgepole pine, Engelmann spruce, subalpine fir and Douglas fir cover large parts of the area above 8,000 feet.

Pinyon/Juniper: Typical stands include a mix of both species, with a duff understory and little if any brush or other fine fuels. The pinyon component decreases as elevation decreases. The older stands will generally have significant loadings of large dead and down material as well as a deep duff layer. Fire behavior tends to be either a creeping surface/ground fire, or a running crown fire.

The transition to crown fire is often abrupt with a brief period of individual trees torching as a warning. A relative humidity value of 15% or less is the key trigger point to monitor along with wind values of 10 mph and above (i.e., normal upslope). The NFDRS fuel models often associated with the Great Basin type fuels tend to over-predict rates of spread and underestimate flame length. Although fuel model 7 does not describe the fuel bed, it often comes closest in predicting fire behavior outputs.

Tactics in the pure PJ stands using a direct attack with hand crews along the flanks is normally the most efficient and safest approach. The fire usually leaves a clean burn edge and straight lines to follow. Minimal scratch line with emphasis on aerial fuel reduction will produce the quickest line. Stopping spread through the duff is the key factor in controlling PJ fires after the fire has dropped out of the crowns. Crews that can deploy up to four saw teams will be very efficient. Bone piling at night will reduce mop up.

Mop up standards of one chain will usually suffice. Indirect line construction and burn out without a fine fuel component often leaves a patchy incomplete burn, or at best allows for a very short burn window. Conditions favorable to attaining a complete burn often means intensities of such level that holding becomes difficult if not dangerous. Indirect strategies work best when control lines are moved back to natural barriers, wide roads or a fuel transition with a good fine fuel understory. Reinforcement of indirect line with retardant

will greatly increase the chance for success.

Sage/Grass: Fire prediction is a little more complex due to the annual fluctuation of live fuel moisture and ratio of dead to live. The older stands (35 years and older) have higher loadings of dead, but often lack a grass understory. Fire carry is often through the top of the plant in the older stands. Critical indicators are live moisture values of 120% or less. Live moisture values of less than 100% limit the ability to go direct, except along the flank well behind the head. Fuel model 6 under-predicts the fuel at moisture values of less than 100%. For the drier conditions and when the fuel bed is 4 feet or deeper a fuel model 4 will come closer. At 120% or greater a fuel model 5 is representative.

Tactical alternatives in sage are varied. Direct attack by engines with wet line (especially if foam capable) is very effective above 100% live moisture. Below that, burn out from roads is effective if safety zones are present. Direct attack with engines is still a good option along the flanks. The SEAT is a useful tool to support direct or indirect strategies.

Oak Brush: This fuel type has accounted for more burn-over fatalities than any single fuel type over the last 20 years. For much of the year it is difficult if not impossible to burn oak brush. However, when conditions are right the fire behavior can be intense. A combination of conditions are necessary to see extreme fire behavior including: Live moisture values below 120%, winds exceeding 20 mph, frost kill of the leaf over story, steep slopes, RH less than 20% and a fire run starting in another fuel type (usually pinyon pine). The last factor is generally common to most fire runs in Gamble oak. Be aware of a mix of oak brush and pinyon, especially if the fire first passes through the under story and leaves a re-burn potential in the over story. As with the PJ the normal fuel models do not represent reality. Model 6 over-predicts rate of spread and under-predicts flame length. A combination of 7 and 4 can be helpful.

Tactics in oak brush can present real challenges. The fire perimeter can be difficult to find in the heavy oak stands. The fire edge is often ragged and unclear, making direct attack both unsafe and time consuming. Re-burn potential can be high in oak brush. Avoid working in areas where only the under story is consumed unless two safety zones are immediately available. Burn out of indirect line under cool conditions can produce more re-burn potential with dirty under story consumption of fuels. Burnouts under hot conditions can quickly produce intensities that make holding line difficult. Choose your ground well for indirect strategies in oak brush. Any indirect line should be well anchored and burn out should occur over short sections between anchor points. Often the best alternative is to back off to ridge tops or wide canyon bottoms associated with a transition to another fuel type.

Lodgepole pine: Lodgepole pine stands exist across all fire response areas of northwest Colorado. The predominance of the pine and the fuel profile of most concern is located in the mid to upper elevations (6500 -9000') of the eastern part of the response area in and around National Forest Lands. The over-riding concern is the dead and dying pine. A recent mountain pine beetle epidemic has created widespread tree mortality. It is estimated that 90% of the lodgepole pine has been killed. This equates to

400,000 acres of affected stands in various stages of mortality on the Routt NF alone. Extreme caution in pine as well as other timbered stands is paramount.

Several fire behavior considerations should be kept in mind: Accelerated transition to crown fire will occur when needles are red, dead and still attached to the tree. Increased surface rates of spread will occur as additional sunlight to the ground creates grass and forb production with added needle litter. Frequent spotting, including long range (>.25miles) is possible with receptive beds. Resistance to control is likely as increasing dead and down fuel accumulates in deteriorating stands.

Tactical considerations are many. Deadly snags are everywhere. Always consider firefighter safety before developing suppression tactics in this environment. Snagging operations will likely be a necessity to maximize a safer suppression environment. Direct line should be well anchored with good escape routes available. Parallel attack, in conjunction with burn out tactics, can be a viable option but should be well planned and the necessity real. Aerial reconnaissance of incident area prior to engagement is supported by local fire management.

Point protection may be all that is necessary or possible. Larger fires call for large-scale strategies that may include line location to a fuel transition zone such as aspen or to large natural openings and barriers. Withdrawal or reassessment should be considered when thunderstorms are in the area or wind speeds are strong enough that canopy movement is observed. Due to limited ingress or egress in remote areas or in terrain without vantage points, consider using an aerial platform for risk assessment and size-up before direct engagement.

Dead lodgepole interspersed with a live spruce/fir component should also be approached with great consideration. Hidden snags provide a severe hazard due to these unseen deadly threats. Trees weakened by disease, pestilence, insects, and fire in the tops or at the root area are a potential deadly hazard in all treed stands.

Mixed Conifer, Spruce/Fir: Engelmann spruce and subalpine fir occur at the highest forested elevations of the Routt Forest and often grow in mixed stands. Many of the stands are 300 to 400 years old with a very high dead woody under story. Fire events of size are rare in this fuel type and usually occur during sequential Drought years. Fire behavior tends toward the extreme with flame lengths in excess of 100 feet and spotting of one to two miles ahead of the advancing flame front. Large fire runs are generally associated with ERCs of 90 or higher, Haines index of six with moderate to high winds. Be especially vigilant in drought summers during dry cold front passages.

Direct strategies are often effective on smaller fires when fire behavior permits. Fire retardant is also best used on small fires and spots if dropped directly on the fire's edge. Once a transition from a surface to crown fire occurs, direct strategies become less effective and often more dangerous. Retardant use at this point is also ineffective. Indirect strategies present numerous challenges due to extreme levels of radiant heat energy transfer across control lines along with spotting. Large fires in the Spruce/fir often call for landscape strategies.

Successful deployment of an indirect strategy usually involves locating lines to a cooler burning fuel transition such as aspen or young lodgepole pine or incorporates the use of wide natural barriers. Burnouts in the spruce/fir are difficult to pull off due to the tendency to leave a dirty burn that can rekindle days later under more extreme conditions. The other side of this dilemma is losing the line under dry conditions due to development of high levels of radiant heat transfer and spotting.

Of special note is the beetle infestation of the 1930's and 1940's that occur in and around the Flat Tops Wilderness on the southern reaches of the Routt NF. The spruce bark beetle infestation in combination with the long return interval disturbance regime has created heavy fuel loading of standing dead and down spruce fir. In addition, the spruce, which has been standing since the epidemic, is falling at increased rates due to rotting of the lower tree bole. Similar spruce beetle epidemic has engulfed the Zirkel Wilderness and adjacent areas on the Routt NF along the continental divide. This epidemic however is more recent, within the past 10 years. Similar hazards exist though not as pronounced.

CRITICAL FUEL MOISTURE INFORMATION

**EXPECT ACTIVE FIRE BEHAVIOR WHEN THESE
CRITICALLY LOW PERCENTAGE POINTS ARE REACHED**

Live Fuel Moisture

Pinyon:	< 95%
Juniper:	< 85%
Sage:	< 120%
Oak:	< 120%
Ponderosa Pine:	< 120%
Lodge Pole:	< 90%
Spruce:	< 90%

Dead Fuel Moisture

	Low elevations	High elevations
1000 hour	10%	< 14%
10 hours	< 5%	< 7%
1 hour	< 4%	< 5%

Active Fire Behavior

Pinyon/Juniper	<16% RH and +10 MPH winds
Conifer	<22% RH and +20 MPH winds
Sage	60-100% = <30% RH
	100-120% = <25% RH
	120-140% = <18% RH
	140%+ = <14% RH

POCKET CARDS

In addition to these pocket cards, updated charts with weekly ERC changes will be handed out during briefings and posted in the ready rooms.

North, South and East Zones

The BLM has the option of using EITHER Pocket Cards or a “Seasonal Trend Analysis.” The NWDFAs has chosen to use the Seasonal Trend Analysis. These charts will be updated weekly during the fire season. They can be found in the “Craig Dispatch Area Daily Information Briefing” on the Craig Interagency Dispatch Center web site at this address:

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Routt South Zone (2023)

<p>FIRE DANGER -- Med Bow/Zone 3 FDRA Maximum, Average, and 90th Percentile, based on 11 years data</p> <p>Energy Release Component</p> <p>Extreme</p> <p>Moderate</p> <p>Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct</p>	<p>Fire Danger Area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Med Bow/Zone 3 FDRA 201,207,211,213,217,305 Med Bow SIG, 482105 * Meets NWCG Wx Station Standards <p>Fire Danger Interpretation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EXTREME – Use extreme caution High – Watch for change Moderate – Lower Potential, but always be aware <p>Maximum – Highest Energy Release Component by day for 2012 - 2022 Average – shows peak fire season over 11 years (1672 observations) 90th Percentile – 10% of the 1672 days from 2012 - 2022 had an Energy Release Component above 102</p> <p>Local Thresholds - Watch out: Combinations of any of these factors can greatly increase fire behavior: 20' Wind Speed over 15 mph, RH less than 30%, Temperature over 70, 1000-Hour Fuel Moisture less than 15</p>
<p>Years to Remember: 2020 2018</p> <p>Energy Release Component</p> <p>Extreme</p> <p>Moderate</p> <p>Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct</p> <p>Fuel Model: Z - Slash/Blowdown (NDRS4)</p>	<p>Remember what Fire Danger tells you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy Release Component gives seasonal trends calculated from temperature, humidity, daily temperature & rh ranges, and precip duration. Wind is NOT part of ERC calculation. Watch local conditions and variations across the landscape – Fuel, Weather, Topography. Listen to weather forecasts – especially WIND. <p>Past Experience:</p> <p>Past fires exhibited rapid large fire growth and long range spotting in bark beetle mortality fuels.</p> <p>The forest has experience and epidemic insect activity in Lodgepole pine and Engelmann spruce as well as sudden aspen decline.</p> <p>Beware of falling snags, use mitigation measures during initial attack.</p> <p>Watch out for shifts in wind direction and speed towards the end of the burn period. Wind direction can change and/or increase in speed significantly during or after sunset.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: R2-WY-MRF FF+5.0 build 20230323 04/18/2023-13:59 (C:\Users\Daniel\Godwin\Box\... \FDOP_ANALYSIS) Design by NWCG Fire Danger Working Team</p>

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Oil & Gas Field Safety

http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2crc/administrative/safety/safety.htm

The Northwest District Fire and Aviation (NWDFFA) has many locations where oil and gas production activities have significantly increased in the past five years. The number of oil and gas facilities, associated personnel, and support services added a new dimension to fire suppression on the NWDFFA. The way we engage fires in oil & gas fields pose different safety concerns and hazards that will dictate different tactics and mitigation measures. Oil and gas facilities have hazards that pose threats to wildland firefighters.

- The FMO's will review the oil and gas safety PowerPoint and Risk Assessment before a non-local resource is assigned to an incident in area of concern.
- The safety of crews is the first priority. Only engage the fire when it has been determined it is safe to do so. If conditions warrant, disengage from the fire.
- When arriving on scene, notify Craig Dispatch Center of the owner of the facility and its location. If you are not the first on scene: Locate the requesting Incident Commander (IC). Check in and obtain briefing.
- Identify the oil and gas facilities involved with the incident and determine what safety concerns are associated with them. These hazards may be different than common wildland fire hazards.
- Identify whether the oil and gas operators in that area have been contacted. Use dispatch to make contacts if necessary. Hazards may involve HAZMAT.
- Assure traffic control is addressed. Use Agency and local law enforcement when necessary.
- Develop evacuation procedures for industry personnel who may potentially be threatened.
- Develop a sound tactical plan of action. Don't get drawn into unorganized suppression efforts.
- The large, open spaces created by well pads and rights-of-way make convenient and tempting areas for firefighting operations, staging areas, and safety zones yet the presence of hazardous materials, high pressure pipelines and industrial equipment can create a dangerous environment for untrained personnel.
- When well sites are well maintained and fully functional, they are relatively safe places and can withstand the high temperatures associated with wildland fires. Not all well sites are well maintained however, and noxious and flammable gases can be present around the well site. If these gases are ignited, a potential flare-up or explosion could occur.
- Open pits/dumps should be avoided as they could contain discharging gas. When driving on a well pad, avoid backing up around production equipment. Park in such a way that allows you full vision of surrounding hazards and avoids the need for backing.

- Toxic and harmful gases, such as Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S), may be present in harmful concentrations around well sites and well equipment. These gases may or may not smell and are heavier than air and sink to low areas. Avoid low areas during calm, windless periods.
- If dozer operations are likely, ask Craig Dispatch Center to notify the appropriate utility representative. Do not assume that pipelines are buried deeply or are directly under their markers. Dozer operators and bosses need to be extremely cautious.
- Engines should avoid rights-of-way due to exposed pipelines and dog-legs (pipe rising above ground from pipelines).
- Federal firefighters will not engage in suppressing oil and gas facilities that have caught fire. They are untrained to do so. This will be handled by an appropriately qualified resource (e.g. structural firefighters).
- Help the local cooperators recognize hazards such as: untrained and unequipped oil and gas personnel suppressing fire; heavy equipment working around pipelines, personnel, and emergency vehicles.
- Be honest, if you see serious safety concerns, insist on mitigation actions, or reposition your crew to a safe location.

Hydrogen Sulfide-H2S

(Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations 2023, pgs. 183-185)

During your briefing your FMO can show you maps of known potential H2S locations.

Assure that at least one member of each squad or engine crew is knowledgeable in the use and data interpretation of the Hydrogen Sulfide gas monitor. Training on the device will include at a minimum:

- Equipment charging and maintenance of sensors
- Startup, zeroing, calibration and bump testing procedures as recommended by the manufacturer.
- How the monitor elicits a warning alarm (visual, auditory, vibration)
- Understand Peak Reading, Short Term Exposure Limits (STEL), and Time Weighted Averages.
- Understand how to set the monitors alarm threshold.
- The monitor's alarm shall be set at the current American Conference on Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) Threshold Limit Value (10 PPM 2008) and STEL (15PPM 2008)

If hydrogen sulfide gas (H2S) is encountered, immediately disengage and leave the area. Firefighters need to immediately report H2S or potential exposure and seek immediate medical care.

Hazardous Water Sources

Many are used during fire suppression activities. They may appear harmless but could contain hazardous material and pose a threat to your health and firefighting equipment. Some of these threats include:

- Hydraulic Fluid
- Fracturing Fluid
- Cyanide
- Sewage
- Corrosives

Indicators that a water source may be hazardous include:

- Proximity to active or inactive mining operations
- Gas/oil wells
- Water treatment facilities
- Other industrial operations

In many cases, these hazardous water sources may not be fenced and no warning signs may be present.

Suppression personnel should evaluate water sources to assure they do not contain hazardous materials. **If you are unsure of the contents of a water source, you should not use the water source until its contents can be verified.**

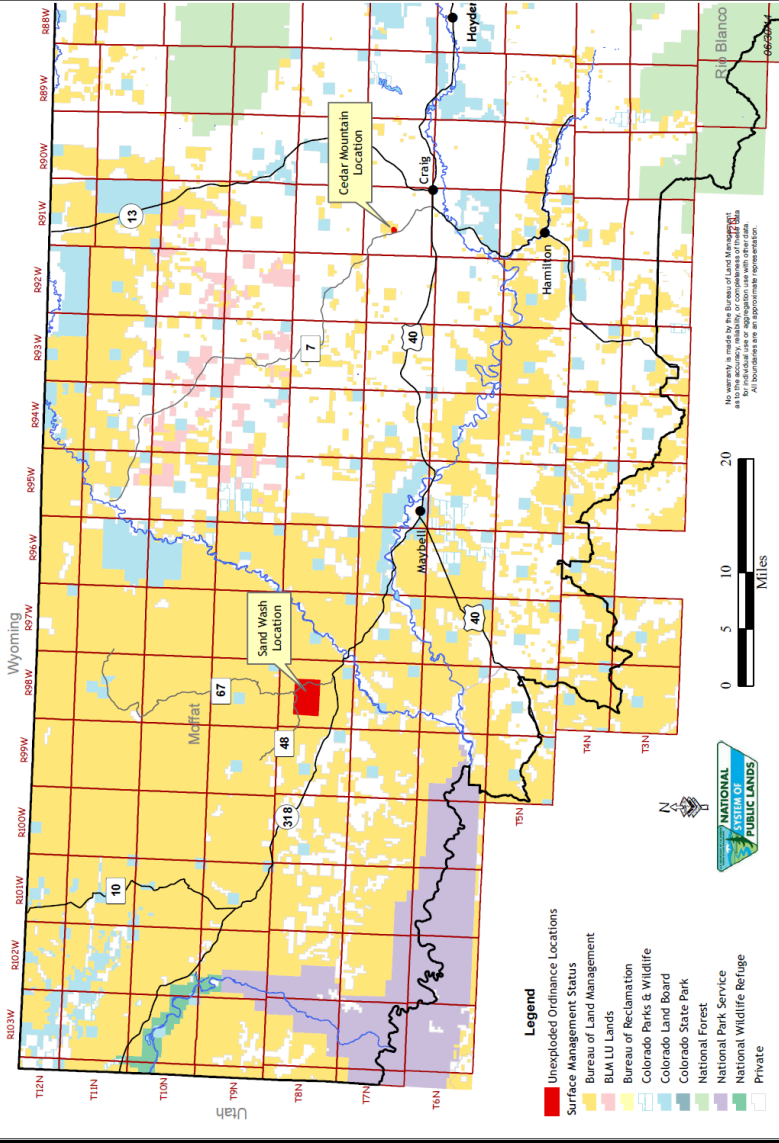
Craig Dispatch, Resource Advisors, or on-scene personnel can assist with verification of safe water sources.

Be sure to ask your FMO about known hazardous water sources in your operational briefing.

Unexploded Ordnance

There are two Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) locations in the Little Snake Field Office area. Dispatch will notify the IC when it is determined that a new incident is located in a UXO area. Please refer to IRPG page 27 and your Unexploded Ordnance Briefing sheet for safe operational guidelines in these areas. The following map shows the location of those areas.

Little Snake Field Office Unexploded Ordnance Locations



Wildland Fire Risk and Complexity Assessment

The Wildland Fire Risk and Complexity Assessment should be used to evaluate firefighter safety issues, assess risk, and identify the appropriate incident management organization. Determining incident complexity is a subjective process based on examining a combination of indicators or factors. An incident's complexity can change over time; incident managers should periodically re-evaluate incident complexity to ensure that the incident is managed properly with the right resources.

Instructions:

Incident Commanders should complete Part A and Part B and relay this information to the Agency Administrator. If the fire exceeds initial attack or will be managed to accomplish resource management objectives, Incident Commanders should also complete Part C and provide the information to the Agency Administrator.

Part A: Firefighter Safety Assessment

Evaluate the following items, mitigate as necessary, and note any concerns, mitigations, or other information.

Evaluate these items:	Concerns, mitigations, notes
LCES	
Fire Orders and Watch Out Situations	
Multiple operational periods have occurred without achieving initial objectives	
Incident personnel are overextended mentally and/or physically and are affected by cumulative fatigue.	
Communication is ineffective with tactical resources and/or dispatch.	
Operations are at the limit of span of control.	
Aviation operations are complex and/or aviation oversight is lacking.	
Logistical support for the incident is inadequate or difficult.	

Part B: Relative Risk Assessment

Values				Notes/Mitigation
<u>B1. Infrastructure/Natural/Cultural Concerns</u> Based on the number and kinds of values to be protected, and the difficulty to protect them, rank this element low, moderate, or high. Considerations: key resources potentially affected by the fire such as urban interface, structures, critical municipal watershed, commercial timber, developments, recreational facilities, power/pipelines, communication sites, highways, potential for evacuation, unique natural resources, special-designation areas, T&E species habitat, cultural sites, and wilderness.	L	M	H	
<u>B2. Proximity and Threat of Fire to Values</u> Evaluate the potential threat to values based on their proximity to the fire, and rank this element low, moderate, or high.	L	M	H	
<u>B3. Social/Economic Concerns</u> Evaluate the potential impacts of the fire to social and/or economic concerns, and rank this element low, moderate, or high. Considerations: impacts to social or economic concerns of an individual, business, community or other stakeholder; other fire management jurisdictions; tribal subsistence or gathering of natural resources; air quality regulatory requirements; public tolerance of smoke; and restrictions and/or closures in effect or being considered.	L	M	H	
Hazards				Notes/Mitigation
<u>B4. Fuel Conditions</u> Consider fuel conditions ahead of the fire and rank this element low, moderate, or high. Evaluate fuel conditions that exhibit high ROS and intensity for your area, such as those caused by invasive species or insect/disease outbreaks; continuity of fuels; low fuel moisture	L	M	H	
<u>B5. Fire Behavior</u> Evaluate the current fire behavior and rank this element low, moderate, or high. Considerations: intensity; rates of spread; crowning; profuse or long-range spotting.	L	M	H	
<u>B6. Potential Fire Growth</u> Evaluate the potential fire growth, and rank this element low, moderate, or high. Considerations: Potential exists for extreme fire behavior (fuel moisture, continuity, winds, etc.); weather forecast indicating no significant relief or worsening conditions; resistance to control.	L	M	H	
Probability				Notes/Mitigation
<u>B7. Time of Season</u> Evaluate the potential for a long-duration fire and rank this element low, moderate, or high. Considerations: time remaining until a season ending event.	L	M	H	
<u>B8. Barriers to Fire Spread</u> If many natural and/or human-made barriers are present and limiting fire spread, rank this element low. If some barriers are present and limiting fire spread, rank this element moderate. If no barriers are present, rank this element high.	L	M	H	
<u>B9. Seasonal Severity</u> Evaluate fire danger indices and rank this element low/moderate, high, or very high/extreme. Considerations: energy release component (ERC); drought status; live and dead fuel moistures; fire danger indices; adjective fire danger rating; preparedness level.	L M	H	VH /E	
Enter the number of items circled for each column.				

Relative Risk Rating (circle one):

Low	Majority of items are "Low", with a few items rated as "Moderate" and/or "High".
Moderate	Majority of items are "Moderate", with a few items rated as "Low" and/or "High".
High	Majority of items are "High"; A few items may be rated as "Low" or "Moderate".

Part C: Organization

Relative Risk Rating (From Part B)									
Circle the Relative Risk Rating (from Part B).					L	M	H		
Implementation Difficulty					Notes/Mitigation				
<p><i>C1. Potential Fire Duration</i> Evaluate the estimated length of time that the fire may continue to burn if no action is taken and amount of season remaining. Rank this element low, moderate, or high. Note: This will vary by geographic area.</p>					N/A	L	M	H	
<p><i>C2. Incident Strategies (Course of Action)</i> Evaluate the level of firefighter and aviation exposure required to successfully meet the current strategy and implement the course of action. Rank this element as low, moderate, or high. Considerations: Availability of resources; likelihood that those resources will be effective; exposure of firefighters; reliance on aircraft to accomplish objectives; trigger points clear and defined.</p>					N/A	L	M	H	
<p><i>C3. Functional Concerns</i> Evaluate the need to increase organizational structure to adequately and safely manage the incident, and rank this element low (adequate), moderate (some additional support needed), or high (current capability inadequate). Considerations: Incident management functions (logistics, finance, operations, information, planning, safety, and/or specialized personnel/equipment) are inadequate and needed; access to EMS support, heavy commitment of local resources to logistical support; ability of local businesses to sustain logistical support; substantial air operation which is not properly staffed; worked multiple operational periods without achieving initial objectives; incident personnel overextended mentally and/or physically; Incident Action Plans, briefings, etc. missing or poorly prepared; performance of firefighting resources affected by cumulative fatigue; and ineffective communications.</p>					N/A	L	M	H	
Socio/Political Concerns					Notes/Mitigation				
<p><i>C4. Objective Concerns</i> Evaluate the complexity of the incident objectives and rank this element low, moderate, or high. Considerations: clarity; ability of current organization to accomplish; disagreement among cooperators; tactical operational restrictions; complex objectives involving multiple focuses; objectives influenced by serious accidents or fatalities.</p>					N/A	L	M	H	
<p><i>C5. External Influences</i> Evaluate the effect external influences will have on how the fire is managed and rank this element low, moderate, or high. Considerations: limited local resources available for initial attack; increasing media involvement, social/print/television media interest; controversial fire policy; threat to safety of visitors from fire and related operations; restrictions and/or closures in effect or being considered; pre-existing controversies/relationships; smoke management problems; sensitive political concerns/interests.</p>					N/A	L	M	H	
<p><i>C6. Ownership Concerns</i> Evaluate the effect ownership/jurisdiction will have on how the fire is managed and rank this element low, moderate, or high. Considerations: disagreements over policy, responsibility, and/or management response; fire burning or threatening more than one jurisdiction; potential for unified command; different or conflicting management objectives; potential for claims (damages); disputes over suppression responsibility.</p>					N/A	L	M	H	
Enter the number of items circled for each column.									

Part C: Organization (continued)

Recommended Organization (circle one):

Type 5	Majority of items rated as "N/A"; a few items may be rated in other categories.
Type 4	Majority of items rated as "Low", with some items rated as "N/A", and a few items rated as "Moderate" or "High".
Type 3	Majority of items rated as "Moderate", with a few items rated in other categories.
Type 2	Majority of items rated as "Moderate", with a few items rated as "High".
Type 1	Majority of items rated as "High"; a few items may be rated in other categories.

Rationale:

Use this section to document the incident management organization for the fire. If the incident management organization is different than the Wildland Fire Risk and Complexity Assessment recommends, document why an alternative organization was selected. Use the "Notes/Mitigation" column to address mitigation actions for a specific element, and include these mitigations in the rationale.

Name of Incident: _____ Unit(s): _____

Date/Time: _____ Signature of Preparer: _____

AVIATION PROCEDURES

All flight following will be handled through CRC for all tactical fire missions. The aircraft dispatcher and the pilot must confirm the method of flight following that will be used. **The standard 15-minute flight following period will be followed, NO EXCEPTIONS!** If aircraft are equipped with Automated Flight Following (AFF), then the 15-minute tracking may be done by the aircraft dispatcher who will record the aircraft's location (lat/long) using AFF. Pilots must monitor at least one predetermined radio frequency as an alternate means of flight following in the event the AFF system fails in the aircraft or in dispatch, or in case dispatch needs to cancel a mission, divert the aircraft to a higher priority incident, or relay other critical information regarding hazardous weather, TFRs, etc. **Radio communications must be maintained between all aircraft and dispatch.**

When travelling to and from the Grand Junction or Metro (formerly Jeffco) tanker bases, the dispatch center will flight follow using the common flight following frequency **168.650** (simplex) tone **110.9** (Rx/Tx) or AFF if available. **Emergency in-flight communications will use National Air Guard 168.625** (simplex) tone **110.9** (Tx). When using these frequencies, be sure to identify **Craig Dispatch** as other units in the Rocky Mountain Area are using the same frequency and they may think you are calling them.

The flight following frequency is to be used only when transporting tactical aircraft from another area to our local area or vice-versa. As soon as feasible, switch all communications over to the identified tactical frequency. This could be a dedicated Air to Ground frequency or the local radio net.

Note: Incident Management Teams are required to request their own discrete tactical frequencies for their incident. The frequencies in the communications tab are intended for the initial attack organization. These frequencies MAY be authorized for use in the interim, but will not be authorized for long-term use. Unless mutually agreed upon during the Delegation of Authority, Craig Dispatch will flight follow all tactical aircraft to and from the incident. Once on scene, the aviation resources become the responsibility of the incident management team.

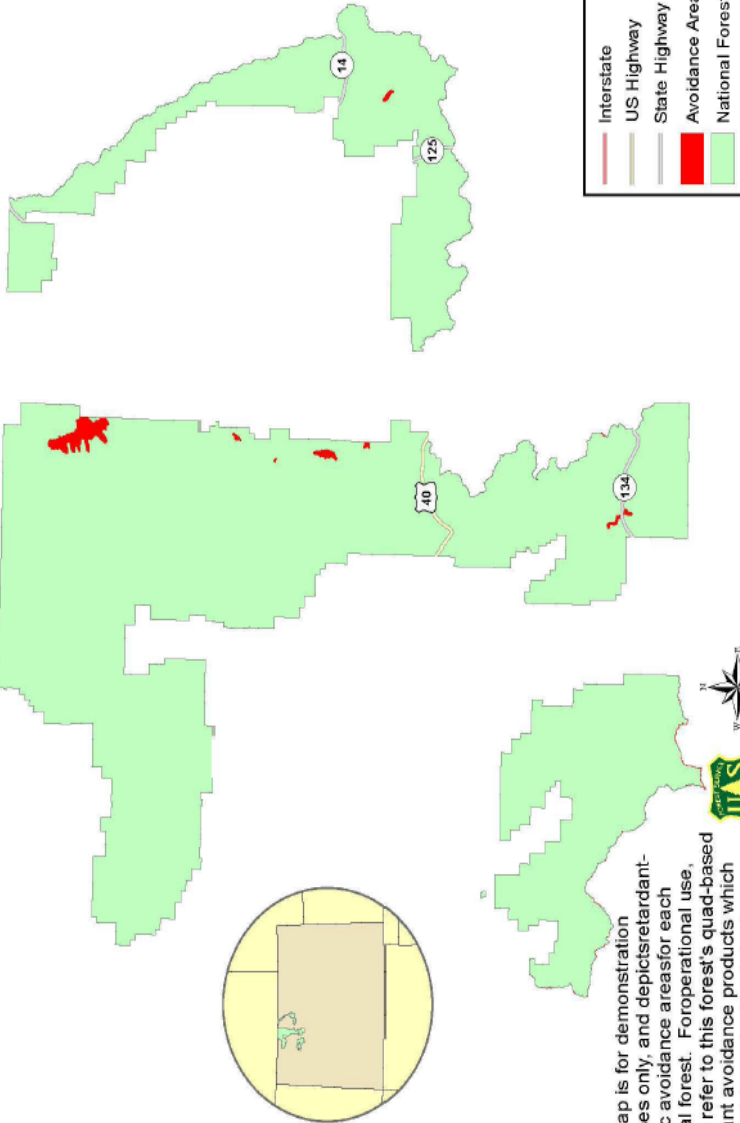
The Aviation Hazard Map is updated annually. You are encouraged to stop by the dispatch center and review the map prior to commencing flight operations if possible. The hazard map is also available on the RMCC website.

Air Operations will use the **Fire Traffic Area** (FTA) scheme. See the FTA Diagram at the end of this section.

All aviation incidents and accidents will be reported to the dispatch center immediately to assure the proper procedures are implemented. A SAFECOM will be required and a copy provided to the appropriate agencies Aviation Officer within 24 hours of the incident.

USFS Aerial Fire Retardant Avoidance

Routt National Forest



This map is for demonstration purposes only, and depicts retardant-specific avoidance areas for each national forest. For operational use, please refer to this forest's quad-based retardant avoidance products which also depict required hydrologic avoidance areas.

Aviation Hazard Map

**Please see map in dispatch,
at airports or separate handout.**

**For more specific information,
see the Craig Dispatch Aviation briefing.**

AIRCRAFT EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

REVIEW THE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES SECTION FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED IN CASE OF A MEDIVAC SITUATION.

Air Attack/Lead Plane/ASM

The IC is responsible for informing dispatch when all aviation resources arrive and depart the scene, and for relaying all pertinent travel or status information (i.e. ETE, ETA, load & return, load & hold, released, etc.).

In some areas within the Craig Dispatch sphere of influence it is possible to talk directly to the tanker base at Grand Junction. This is permissible, however, Craig Dispatch still needs to be notified that aircraft are departing or are enroute to your incident to assure that airspace remains clear in the case of multiple incidents occurring with aircraft responding.

Dispatch will coordinate with the aerial supervision platform regarding other aircraft being dispatched to the same general vicinity. If logistics permit, you may be requested to provide aerial supervision for multiple incident(s).

Close coordination needs to occur prior to leaving the incident you are assigned to and responding to another smoke/fire. Do not take it upon yourself to check out a new smoke/fire. Notify dispatch and they will advise if they need your assistance. Other aircraft may already be enroute or the fire may be in a different jurisdiction.

Smokejumpers

If you are here on a smokejumper mission, please keep dispatch informed of your progress. It is essential and required that you notify dispatch prior to commencing jump and cargo operations. Doing so will assure that your sterile cockpit and our flight following needs are met.

You will be expected to abide by the 2:1 work/rest guidelines per national policy.

Review the Initial Attack Procedures in this document. You will be expected to follow those same procedures. Advise dispatch 12 hours in advance of planned demobilization so retrieval can be coordinated with the jump base. Be prepared to hike out.

Helicopters CWN/Exclusive Use

If you are here on a CWN Helicopter assignment, you will marry-up with the assigned module or helicopter at a location other than the incident as per national aviation policy.

All Mob/Demob requests for R&R, joining up with a crew already on assignment, etc. will be placed through the chain of command. For helicopters assigned to an incident this will be the IC, AOBD or Ordering Manager, as determined by the incident. For severity or

repositioned resources this will be the appropriate Duty Officer. This individual will then notify CRC that the resource may be ordered/released, as appropriate.

Day to day helicopter operations will be conducted out of an airport unless fire activity dictates otherwise. The helicopter and crew may be repositioned during the day (to a different town/airport) and remain at that location for an extended period of time (days).

As noted earlier, you will be expected to take everything with you every day, as there is no guarantee that you will be coming back to the originating airport for the evening. Housekeeping at the helibase is the responsibility of the helitack, or the cleaning bill may be deducted from your paycheck.

It is **extremely important** that you obtain permission from dispatch prior to using any water source within Northwest Colorado. **The only exception is in the case of a life-threatening situation.** Water is a scarce and valuable resource in this part of Colorado. Landowners for the most part will grant us permission to use their water, sometimes with stipulations or for payment. This needs to be worked out prior to dipping. Once a viable water source has been located, provide the latitude and longitude to dispatch with a request to dip out of the source. It will take dispatch some time to obtain permission; **DO NOT** take any water until you have gotten verbal approval from the DO, FMO, or Dispatch. In some cases, the number of buckets or gallons will need to be tracked so that either a like amount of water can be replaced, or proper payment can be made.

Flight Invoices

Use of Aviation Management Systems for Invoice Processing:

The Gov't rep will fill out and sign a hard copy of the AMD-23E, provide the original to the vendor and maintain a file copy. Vendors will prepare and submit the electronic invoices in AMS for all contracts (ARA, On-Call, and Exclusive Use). Vendors will scan in and attach the copy of the AMD-23E signed by the gov't representative, to each electronic invoice submission.

The Bureau/office signature on the AMD-23E serves as certification of flight services received. Bureau personnel will not function as electronic submitter in AMS. AMD will validate each AMS invoice against the attached AMD-23E as well as maintain the electronic "approver" role.

There will be NO paper invoices accepted for payment at AMD. To avoid duplication, no paper versions of the AMD-23E shall be mailed to AMD (the vendor is providing a scanned original AMD-23E in AMS with each electronic invoice submission). You will be expected to abide by the 2:1 work/rest guidelines per national policy. Review the Initial Attack Procedures located in this document. You will be expected to follow those same procedures.

Single Engine Air Tankers (SEATs)

SEAT operations can be set up at several different airports within the Craig Dispatch area as well as at some pre-identified remote locations. Agreements are in place with the following airports for SEAT operations:

Craig

Meeker

SEAT operations may also be set up at remote airstrips if needed.

Aviation Support Request Form
Craig Interagency Dispatch Center (CRC)
970-826-5037
cocrc@firenet.gov

The County Sheriff or designee, local Fire Department Chief or designee or the Incident Commander will contact Craig Interagency Dispatch Center **directly** with their request for aviation resources. Prior to making that request as much of the following information should be collected as possible. This information will help facilitate a faster, safer and more efficient response. In order to request aviation resources, call and ask to talk with the Aircraft Dispatcher or Floor Coordinator.

IC Name and Agency:

Fire Name/Jurisdiction:

Fire Location: _____

Elevation: _____

Lat/Long or Geographic Location (No Addresses): _____

Ground Contact:

For pilot safety: Must be able to TX/RX on air to ground frequency as assigned by dispatch

Wind Speed/Direction:

Values at Risk and estimated time for fire to reach these values (this is used when competition for aerial resources exists):

Known or Possible Flight Hazards:

(Including but not limited to: power lines, other wires, other aircraft, paragliders, etc.)

Time and Date Requested:

Resource(s) Requested:

HELICOPTER

Type/Qty.: **Type I:** Bucket ___ Tank ___ **Type II:** Bucket ___ Tank ___ **Type III** ___

Location of closest adequate dip site: _____

AIRTANKER

Type/Qty.: **VLAT** ___ **Type I** ___ **Type II** ___ **Type II (Scooper)** ___ **Type III (SEAT)** ___

Loaded with: Retardant ___ Water ___ Foam ___

SUPERVISION/SMOKEJUMPERS

Type/Qty.: **ATGS** ___ **ASM** ___ **HLCO** ___ **ATCO** ___ **SMKJ** ___ **PARACARGO** ___

Aerial Supervision Requirements Rocky Mountain Area

Incident Aerial Supervision Requirements

Note: Deviations from this table may be authorized by the agencies through local mitigations.

SITUATION	HLCO	ASM / LPIL	ATGS / ASM
Three or more manned aircraft over an incident or when mixed type and kind aircraft are over the incident working at the same time.	ORDERED IF NO ATGS AND ONLY HELICOPTERS	ORDERED IF NO ATGS AND ONLY FIXED WING	ORDERED
If manned and unmanned aircraft are operating within the same working area/area of operation (WA/AO). <i>(If only UAS, no aerial supervision is required.)</i>	ORDERED IF NO ATGS AND ONLY HELICOPTERS	ORDERED IF NO ATGS AND ONLY FIXED WING	ORDERED
Fixed-Wing Low-Level Operations in Low Light conditions.	N/A	REQUIRED IF NO ATGS	REQUIRED IF NO ASM/LPIL
Airtanker not IA Rated/ MAFFS/VLAT.	N/A	REQUIRED	N/A
Multi-Engine Amphibious Water Scooping Aircraft not IA carded.	N/A	REQUIRED IF NO ATGS	REQUIRED IF NO ASM/LPIL
Level 2 SEAT / Single-Engine Scooper operating on an incident with more than one other tactical aircraft on scene.	N/A	REQUIRED IF NO ATGS	REQUIRED IF NO ASM/LPIL
Foreign Government Aircraft.	N/A	REQUIRED IF NO ATGS	REQUIRED IF NO ASM/LPIL
Congested Area Flight Operations.	ORDERED	ORDERED	REQUIRED
Periods of marginal weather, poor visibility, or turbulence.	REQUIRED IF NO ATGS/ASM / LPIL	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Active Duty (Non-National Guard) Military Helicopter Operations.	ORDERED	N/A	REQUIRED IF NO HLCO
When requested by airtanker, helicopters, ATGS, LPIL, or ASM.	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED

**ASM can perform all ATGS missions however, an ATGS is required when requested by ASM.

Incident Aerial Supervision Requirements Table (from 2023 NWCG Standards for Aerial Supervision)

RMA Helicopter Ordering Guide Help Sheet

Type = Type of Helicopter by ICS Type I, II or III (1, 2, 3 on spreadsheet).

Make/Model - Self-Explanatory.

Hover Out of Ground Effect (HOG E) @ 8000’: this is the average payload in pounds that the model helicopter can carry at 8000’ elevation with a temperature of 25 degrees Celsius, (77 degrees Fahrenheit).

Passenger Capability @ 8000’: the number of passengers on average the model ship can carry at 8000’ elevation, out of ground effect.

Module needed-Standard : the Manager and crew needed as a module if the ship is a standard category helicopter.

Module needed-Restricted: only a Manager, no crewpersons, required on all restricted category helicopters.

Bucket gallons @ 8000’: the number of gallons on average the model helicopter can carry at 8000’ elevation.

The chart gives a good representation of helicopter model capabilities, these are averages and not exact. The two red lines show a break when going to a different type helicopter might be more effective depending on the elevation. For example, if the fire is at 8000’ on a 25 degree C day, a B-205-A-1++ would be more effective than the S-61N. The B-205-A-1++ can carry an average payload of 2196 pounds, and 244 gallons of water. This is more than the S-61N can carry with an average 1899 pounds, and 183 gallons of water.

The chart titled Helicopter Ordering Guide 8000 is sorted by performance of *type*- highest to lowest given the altitude of 8000’ and a temperature of 25 degrees C (Celsius), (77 degrees Fahrenheit). It gives a quick view of what models helicopter would give good performance.

Type	Common	Make/ Model	Average HOGE Payload @ 8000 @ 25-C	Passenger Capacity @ 8000	Module Needed Standard	Module Needed Restricted	Bucket Gallons @ 8000
1	Chinook	BV-234	14,145	N/A		Mgr. Only	1640
1	Sky Crane	S-64-E	8,883	N/A		Mgr. Only	1014
1	Sky Crane	CH-54A	7,698	N/A		Mgr. Only	880
1	Sky Crane	CH-54B	6,912	N/A		Mgr. Only	785
1		S-61V	6,880	N/A		Mgr. Only	783
1	Fire Hawk	S-70	5,696	N/A		Mgr. Only	649
1		KMAX	4,614	N/A		Mgr. Only	513
1	Puma	AS-330-J	3,657	18	Manager & 4	Mgr. Only	395
1		S-61R	3,631	N/A		Mgr. Only	392
1	Super Puma	AS-332-L	3,415	17	Manager & 4	Mgr. Only	250
1	Vertol	BV-107-II	3,325	N/A		Mgr. Only	353
1	Vertol	KV-107-II	3231	N/A		Mgr. Only	352
1		S-61A	3,222	N/A		Mgr. Only	343
1		S-61L	2,707	N/A		Mgr. Only	280

Below this line, type 2 performance may be better than type 1, consider ordering type 2.

1		S-61N	1,899	N/A		Mgr. Only	183
1		H-43	1,173	N/A		Mgr. Only	121
2		B-214-B	2,630	13	Manager & 3	Mgr. Only	296
2	Super 205	B-205-A-1++	2,196	9	Manager & 3	Mgr. Only	244
2		B-UH-IH-703	2,196	N/A		Mgr. Only	244
2		B-212-HP	1,743	8	Manager & 3	Mgr. Only	189
2		B-UH-1H-CB	1307	N/A		Mgr. Only	137
2		B-212	1,304	6	Manager & 3	Mgr. Only	136
2		B-U/TH-1L/-IK	1,208	N/A		Mgr. Only	126
2		B-UH-1F	1207	N/A		Mgr. Only	126
2		B-412-EP-9	1,070	5	Manager & 3	Mgr. Only	108
2		B-205-A-1+	957	4	Manager & 3	Mgr. Only	95
2		B-UH-1B-13	825	N/A		Mgr. Only	80
2		B-UH-1B	825	N/A		Mgr. Only	80
2		B-412	803	4	Manager & 3	Mgr. Only	76
2		S-58-T	650	3	Manager & 3	Mgr. Only	57

Type	Common	Make/ Model	Average HOG Payload @ 8000 @ 25-C	Passenger Capability @ 8000	Module Needed Standard	Module Needed Restricted	Bucket Gallons @ 8000
2		B-205-A-1	599	2	Manager & 3	Mgr. Only	52
2		S-58-E	473	2	Manager & 3	Mgr. Only	38
2		B-UH-1H	0	N/A		Mgr. Only	-
2		B-204-B	0	N/A	Manager & 3	Mgr. Only	-
3	Lama	SA-315B	1300	4	Manager & 2	Mgr. Only	135
3		BH-407	977	4	Manager & 2	Mgr. Only	101
3		BH 206L4	875	4	Manager & 2	Mgr. Only	96
3	Alouette III	SA 316 B	825	4	Manager & 2	Mgr. Only	91
3	Long Ranger	B-206-L3	777	3	Manager & 2	Mgr. Only	84
3	A star B2	AS 350 B2	641	3	Manager & 2	Mgr. Only	68
3	Jet Ranger	Bell 206-III	380	2	Manager & 2	Mgr. Only	35
3	A star	AS-350-BA	350	2	Manager & 2	Mgr. Only	35



NWCG Fire Traffic Area (FTA)

NWCG Standards for Aerial Supervision, PMS 505,

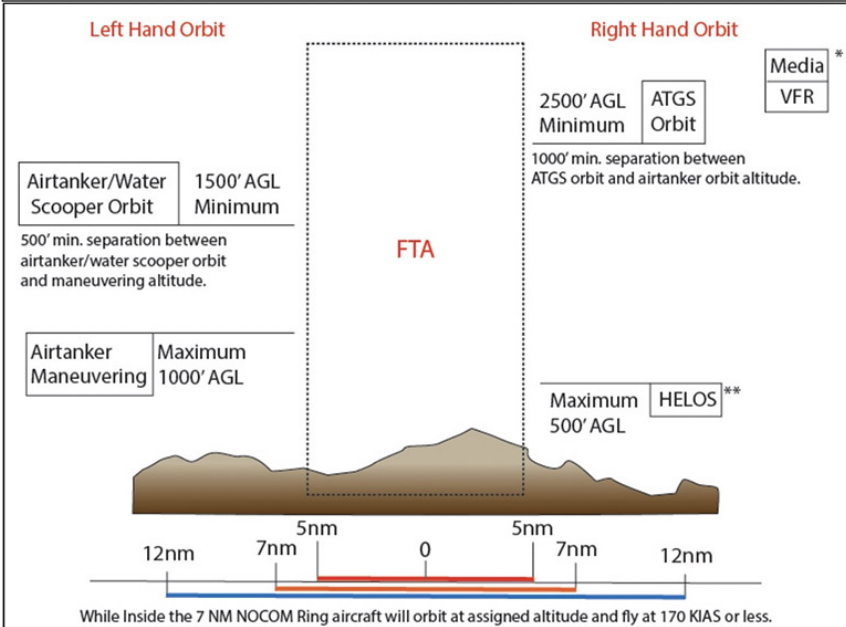
<https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/505>

*****Clearance is required to enter the FTA*****

Initial Radio Contact: 12 nm on assigned air tactical frequency.

No Radio Contact: Hold a minimum of 7 nm from the incident.

Note: Airtanker maneuvering altitude determines minimum airtanker and ATGS orbit altitudes. Assigned altitudes may be higher and will be stated as MSL.



* Media and IAA Aircraft: Maintain VFR separation above highest incident aircraft or at the altitude assigned by the controlling aircraft.

** Helicopters: Fly assigned altitudes, orbits, and routes.

Airtanker Base As Assigned	Air Guard 168.625 Tx Tone 110.9	Air to Air As Assigned	National Flight Following 168.650 Tone 110.9 TX and RX
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FIRE TRAFFIC AREA DIMENSIONS

<https://blog.aopa.org/aopa/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/fire-traffic-area-graphic.jpg>

this link takes you to aopa.org/news-and-media.

COMMUNICATIONS

Craig Interagency Dispatch Center may use BLM, USFS, NPS, USFWS and/or State radio systems for communications. Regardless of the jurisdiction of an incident, any of the repeaters may be used to communicate with dispatch (See map on page 74-75). Radio relays are a viable option when encountering dead areas in the radio system.

While on an incident, communications will be maintained with dispatch at all times. If communications cannot be established and maintained, resources will disengage, unless otherwise approved by the Fire Management Officer or DO.

During your in-briefing the FMO, Radio Tech, or Engine Captain will program your radios to assure they will be compatible with our system. **Dispatch does not have the capability to program handheld or mobile radios.**

Note: The far East Zone Initial Attack Aircraft Communications Zones encompass both Craig (CRC) and Fort Collins (FTC) Dispatch Centers. To better facilitate safe operations in the East Zone, it has been agreed upon that when an Air-Ground frequency is requested from either dispatch center, Craig Dispatch (CRC) and Fort Collins (FTC) will coordinate together to assign the correct frequency to assure there is no bleed over. If either center needs a secondary frequency for this area, one will be ordered through dispatch channels.

Portable Communications Systems

If your incident is in an area with poor radio communications, several alternative portable systems are available to help, ordered out of Craig Dispatch:

- One "Scene of Action" (**SOA Repeater**) Tactical portable repeater (Orange Box). This repeater is used to extend local incident TAC communications when the incident is growing too large, or terrain is blocking, normal radio to radio direct tactical communications (FIRETAC7, FIRETAC8, etc.). This repeater is standalone (LR SOA) and has no connection back to Craig Dispatch. It is easily set up by one person to a drivable location, and by two persons (using the pack frame) if placed by foot. This repeater is stored in the radio shop in Craig (1 case, 1 antenna tube, 1 accessory cable bag, 1 pack frame). **Of note: FIRETAC8 is the output frequency of this repeater and should not be used in close proximity to this repeater, be sure to coordinate this with other nearby incidents.**



- One "Pelican Case" (**NZ CMD Repeater**) Command portable repeater (Black Boxes). This repeater is on the North Zone frequency pair (CRG PORT) and is used to connect back to Craig Dispatch when normal repeaters are not providing

the necessary coverage. **It must be placed on high terrain that can both “overlook” the incident and also “see” the North Zone base station at Juniper Mt.** This repeater is stored in the radio shop in Craig. It consists of three black pelican cases containing the repeater, the battery, and one containing accessories (flexible solar panel, stakes, cables, etc.). This repeater is more complex to set up, if assistance is needed, request local radio tech support.



- One “Pelican Case” (**SZ CMD Repeater**) Command portable repeater (Black Boxes). This repeater is on the South Zone frequency pair (MKR PORT) and is used to connect back to Craig Dispatch when normal repeaters are not providing the necessary coverage. **It must be placed on high terrain that can both “overlook” the incident and also “see” the South Zone base station at Wilson.** This repeater is stored in the Meeker Fire Cache. It consists of three black pelican cases containing the repeater, the battery, and one containing accessories (flexible solar panel, stakes, cables, etc.). This repeater is more complex to set up, if assistance is needed, request local radio tech support. **See previous NZ CMD images.**
- One “Portable Repeater Trailer” (**CMD Trailer Repeater**) high power multi-zone repeater. This repeater is selectable for North Zone (CRG Port), South Zone (MKR Port), East Zone (KRM Port), and Scene of Action (LR SOA) if required. **In Command mode, it must be placed on high terrain that can both “overlook” the incident and also “see” the Zone base station at Juniper Mt., Wilson, or Grouse Mt. In SOA mode, be sure to coordinate with any incidents using FIRETAC8.** This repeater is stored outside the radio shop in Craig and is more complex to set up, if assistance is needed, request local radio tech support.



- **No satellite phones are available from CRC. Dinosaur National Monument DOES have sat phones available for their incidents.**

- **If you have questions or require communications support, the unit radio tech can be reached at 970-826-5115 or the On-Call Tech can be reached through Craig Dispatch at 970-826-5037.**

CO BLM Groups

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| 1. CRCNORTH | 14. NORWOOD |
| 2. CRCSOUTH | 15. MONTROSE |
| 3. CRC DINO | 16. CIMARRON |
| 4. FIREHPBE | 17. GUNNISON |
| 5. FIREPARK | 18. COL FIRE |
| 6. CRC EAST | 19. PAG FIRE |
| 7. WZ WEST (GJ West) | 20. DOL FIRE |
| 8. WZ EAST (GJ East) | 21. FRFMU 21 |
| 9. CZ WEST (Rifle/Meeker) | 22. FRFMU 22 |
| 10. CZ EAST (Glenwood/Aspen) | 23. SANLUIS |
| 11. EZ WEST (Eagle) | 24. SANLUIS2 |
| 12. EZ EAST (Silverthorn) | 25. Open |
| 13. G VALLEY (Delta) | |

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CRC NORTH (BLM Group 1)						
CH	NAME	MNEMONIC	RX (MHz)	RX TONE	TX (MHz)	TX TONE
1	EMPTY					
2	Fire TAC 7	FIRETAC7	169.2875		169.2875	
3	Fire TAC 8	FIRETAC8	172.5875		172.5875	
4	BLM SOA Repeater	LR SOA	172.5875		163.3875	110.9
5	VFIRE21	VFIRE21	154.2800		154.2800	156.7
6	BLM WORK	LD WORK	168.3500		168.3500	
7	A/G56	A/G56	168.6625		168.6625	
8	A/G58	A/G58	169.0875		169.0875	
9	A/G7	A/G7	166.8500		166.8500	
10	Juniper	JUNIPER	172.7250		164.5250	131.8
11	Lookout Mountain	LOOKOUT	172.7250		164.5250	151.4
12	Zenobia	ZENOBIA	172.7250		164.5250	110.9
13	Tanks Peak	TANKS	172.7250		164.5250	123.0
14	Wilson Creek	WILSON	173.6750		164.6250	123.0
15	Cathedral	CATHEDRL	173.6750		164.6250	192.8
16	Air Guard	AIRGUARD	168.6250		168.6250	110.9
Note: In KNG2 GPS SEND is located at channel 27 and VMED28 is located at channel 28 (Ghost Channels).						
CRC SOUTH (BLM Group 2)						
CH	NAME	MNEMONIC	RX (MHz)	RX TONE	TX (MHz)	TX TONE
1	Fire TAC 7	FIRETAC7	169.2875		169.2875	
2	Fire TAC 8	FIRETAC8	172.5875		172.5875	
3	BLM SOA Repeater	LR SOA	172.5875		163.3875	110.9
4	VFIRE21	VFIRE21	154.2800		154.2800	156.7
5	A/G7	A/G7	166.8500		166.8500	
6	A/G13	A/G13	167.4250		167.4250	
7	A/G56	A/G56	168.6625		168.6625	
8	Lyons	LYONS	173.6750		164.6250	131.8
9	Wilson Creek	WILSON	173.6750		164.6250	123.0
10	Cathedral	CATHEDRL	173.6750		164.6250	192.8
11	Juniper	JUNIPER	172.7250		164.5250	131.8
12	Tanks Peak	TANKS	172.7250		164.5250	123.0
13	Meeker Port	MKR PORT	173.6750		164.6250	127.3
14	EMPTY	EMPTY				
15	Rangely VFD	RANG VFD	154.4450		154.4450	
16	Air Guard	AIRGUARD	168.6250		168.6250	110.9
Note: In KNG2 GPS SEND is located at channel 27 and VMED28 is located at channel 28 (Ghost Channels).						

CRC DINO (BLM Group 3)						
CH	NAME	MNEMONIC	RX (MHz)	RX TONE	TX (MHz)	TX TONE
1	Fire TAC 7	FIRETAC7	169.2875		169.2875	
2	Fire TAC 8	FIRETAC8	172.5875		172.5875	
3	BLM SOA Repeater	LR SOA	172.5875		163.3875	110.9
4	VFIRE21	VFIRE21	154.2800		154.2800	156.7
5	BLM WORK	LD WORK	168.3500		168.3500	
6	A/G7	A/G7	166.8500		166.8500	
7	A/G56	A/G56	168.6625		168.6625	
8	Juniper	JUNIPER	172.7250		164.5250	131.8
9	Lookout	LOOKOUT	172.7250		164.5250	151.4
10	Zenobia	ZENOBIA	172.7250		164.5250	110.9
11	Tanks Peak	TANKS	172.7250		164.5250	123.0
12	Cathedral	CATHEDRL	173.6750		164.6250	192.8
13	Roundtop	ROUNDTOP	171.5375		166.3750	110.9
14	Craig Port	CRG PORT	172.7250		164.5250	127.3
15	BL Mtn NPS	NPSBLMTN	169.7250		166.3750	114.8
16	Air Guard	AIRGUARD	168.6250		168.6250	110.9

Note: In KNG2 GPS SEND is located at channel 27 and VMED28 is located at channel 28 (Ghost Channels).

FIREHPBE (BLM Group 4-USFS Group 9)						
CH	NAME	MNEMONIC	RX (MHz)	RX TONE	TX (MHz)	TX TONE
1	Routt County FD Direct	RCFD DI	154.3700		154.3700	127.3
2	VFIRE21	VFIRE21	154.2800		154.2800	156.7
3	RTF Tactical	ROUT TAC	168.7500		168.7500	
4	Green Ridge	GREEN RG	169.6000		164.9125	100.0
5	Dunckley	DUNCKLEY	169.6000		164.9125	136.5
6	Farwell	FARWELL	169.6000		164.9125	123.0
7	Sand Mtn	SAND MTN	169.6000		164.9125	131.8
8	Rabbit Ears	RABBT ER	172.3750		164.8750	107.2
9	San Toy	SAN TOY	169.6250		163.5750	146.2
10	FS Cedar	CEDAR	169.6000		164.9125	167.9
11	Fire TAC 7	FIRETAC7	169.2875		169.2875	
12	VMED28	VMED28	155.3400		155.3400	156.7
13	A/G7	A/G7	166.8500		166.8500	
14	A/G56	A/G56	168.6625		168.6625	
15	A/G58	A/G58	169.0875		169.0875	
16	Air Guard	AIR GUARD	168.6250		168.6250	110.9

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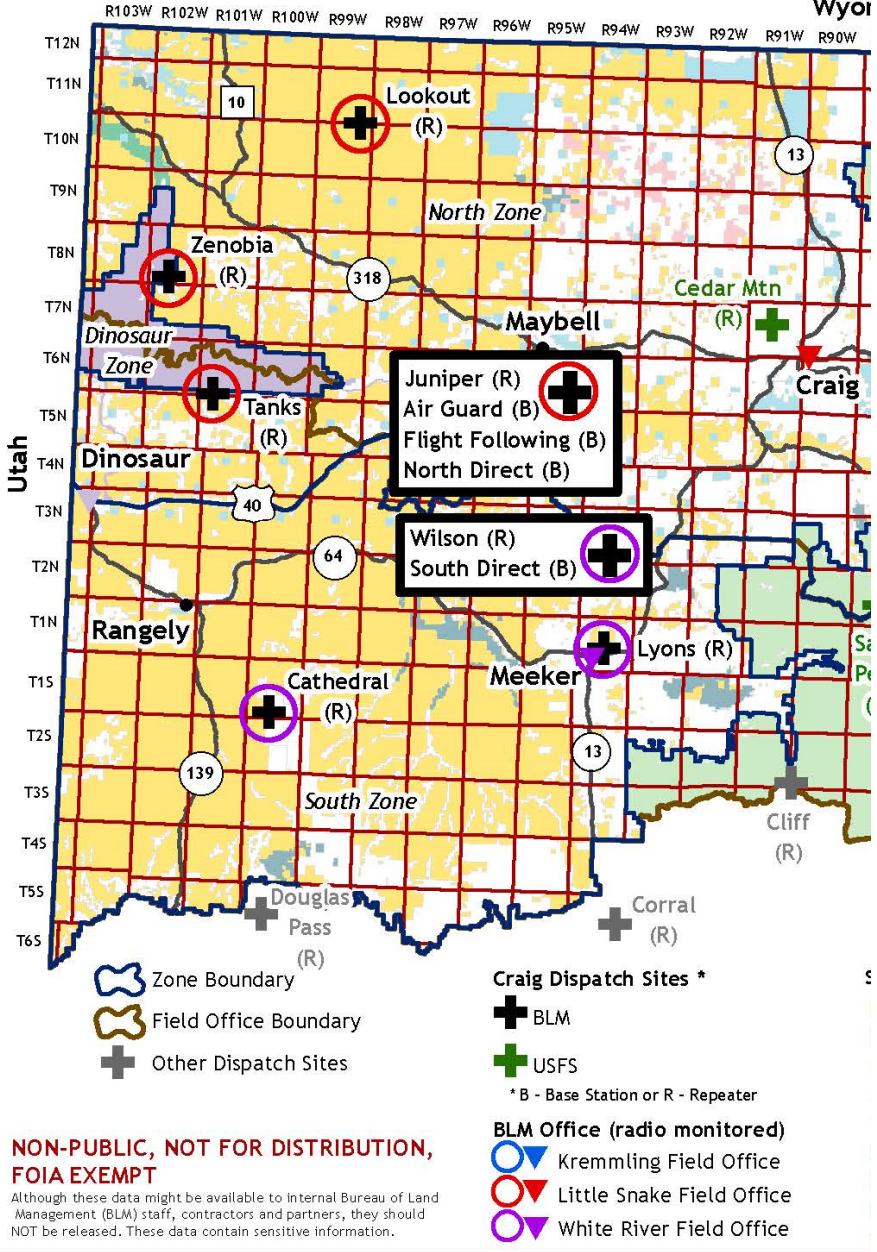
FIREPARK (BLM Group 5-USFS Group 9)						
CH	NAME	MNEMONIC	RX (MHz)	RX TONE	TX (MHz)	TX TONE
1	RTF Tactical	ROUT TAC	168.7500		168.7500	
2	MB TAC	MB TAC	166.5500		166.5500	
3	Fire TAC 7	FIRETAC7	169.2875		169.2875	
4	Jackson Co Fire	JC FIRE	154.1900		154.1900	103.5
5	VFIRE21	VFIRE21	154.2800		154.2800	156.7
6	Owl Mountain	OWL MTN	172.3750		164.8750	146.2
7	Blackhall	BLKHAL R	172.3750		164.8750	103.5
8	Rabbit Ears	RABBT ER	172.3750		164.8750	107.2
9	Jelm	JELM	172.3750		164.8750	110.9
10	Grouse	GROUSE	172.4500		172.4500	186.2
11	Independence	INDPNDNC	172.4500		166.3125	162.2
12	A/G7	A/G7	166.8500		166.8500	
13	A/G13	A/G13	167.4250		167.4250	
14	A/G56	A/G56	168.6625		168.6625	
15	VMED28	VMED28	155.3400		155.3400	156.7
16	Air Guard	AIRGUARD	168.6250		168.6250	110.9
Note: In KNG2 GPS SEND is located at channel 27 and VMED28 is located at channel 28 (Ghost Channels).						
CRC East (BLM Group 6)						
CH	NAME	MNEMONIC	RX (MHz)	RX TONE	TX (MHz)	TX TONE
1	Fire TAC 7	FIRETAC7	169.2875		169.2875	
2	RTF Tactical	RTF TAC	168.7500		168.7500	
3	VFIRE21	VFIRE21	154.2800		154.2800	156.7
4	BLM WORK	LD WORK	168.3500		168.3500	
5	A/G7	A/G7	166.8500		166.8500	
6	A/G56	A/G56	168.6625		168.6625	
7	Grouse	GROUSE	172.4500		172.4500	186.2
8	BLM Blue Ridge	BLUE RDG	172.4500		166.3125	173.8
9	San Toy	SAN TOY	172.4500		166.3125	146.2
10	Yarmony	YARMONY	172.4500		166.3125	186.2
11	Independence	INDPNDNC	172.4500		166.3125	162.2
12	Kremmling Portable	KRM PORT	172.4500		166.3125	127.3
13	Rabbit Ears	RABBTEAR	172.3750		164.8750	107.2
14	Owl Mountain	OWL MTN	172.3750		164.8750	146.2
15	Blackhall	BLCKHALL	172.3750		164.8750	103.5
16	Air Guard	AIRGUARD	168.6250		168.6250	110.9
Note: In KNG2 GPS SEND is located at channel 27 and VMED28 is located at channel 28 (Ghost Channels).						

CRC North (Zone 3)								
CH	NAME	ID	RX	RX CG	NAC	TX	TX CG	NAC
1	BLM NWD	BLM NWD						
2	BLM W	BLM W						
3	MOFF MAC	MOFF MAC						
4	RC MAC	RC MAC						
5	JAC MAC	JAC MAC						
6	GND MAC	GND MAC						
7	RC FIRE 1	RCFIRE1						
8	RC FIRE 2	RCFIRE2						
9	MAC 17	MAC 17						
10	MAC 18	MAC 18						
11	MAC 19	MAC 19						
12	MAC 20	MAC 20						
13	MAC 21	MAC 21						
14	state tac d	8tac95	853.7875	156.7		853.7875	156.7	
15	simplex*1	simplex*1	851.1000		293	851.1000		293
16	ONSC TAC	ONSC TAC						
Note: In KNG2 GPS SEND is located at channel 27 and VMED28 is located at channel 28 (Ghost Channels).								
CRC South (Zone 4)								
CH	NAME	ID	RX	RX CG	NAC	TX	TX CG	NAC
1	BLM NWD	BLM NWD						
2	BLM W	BLM W						
3	MOFF MAC	MOFF MAC						
4	RIO BL MAC	RB MAC						
5	RIO BL FD	RB FD						
6	MEEKER FD	MEEK FD						
7	RANGELY FD	RANG FD						
8	RANGELY FD TAC	RANG FDT						
9	MAC 17	MAC 17						
10	MAC 18	MAC 18						
11	MAC 19	MAC 19						
12	MAC 20	MAC 20						
13	MAC 21	MAC 21						
14	state tacd	8tac95	853.7875	156.7		853.7875	156.7	
15	simplex*1	simplex*1	851.1000		293	851.1000		293
16								
Note: In KNG2 GPS SEND is located at channel 27 and VMED28 is located at channel 28 (Ghost Channels).								

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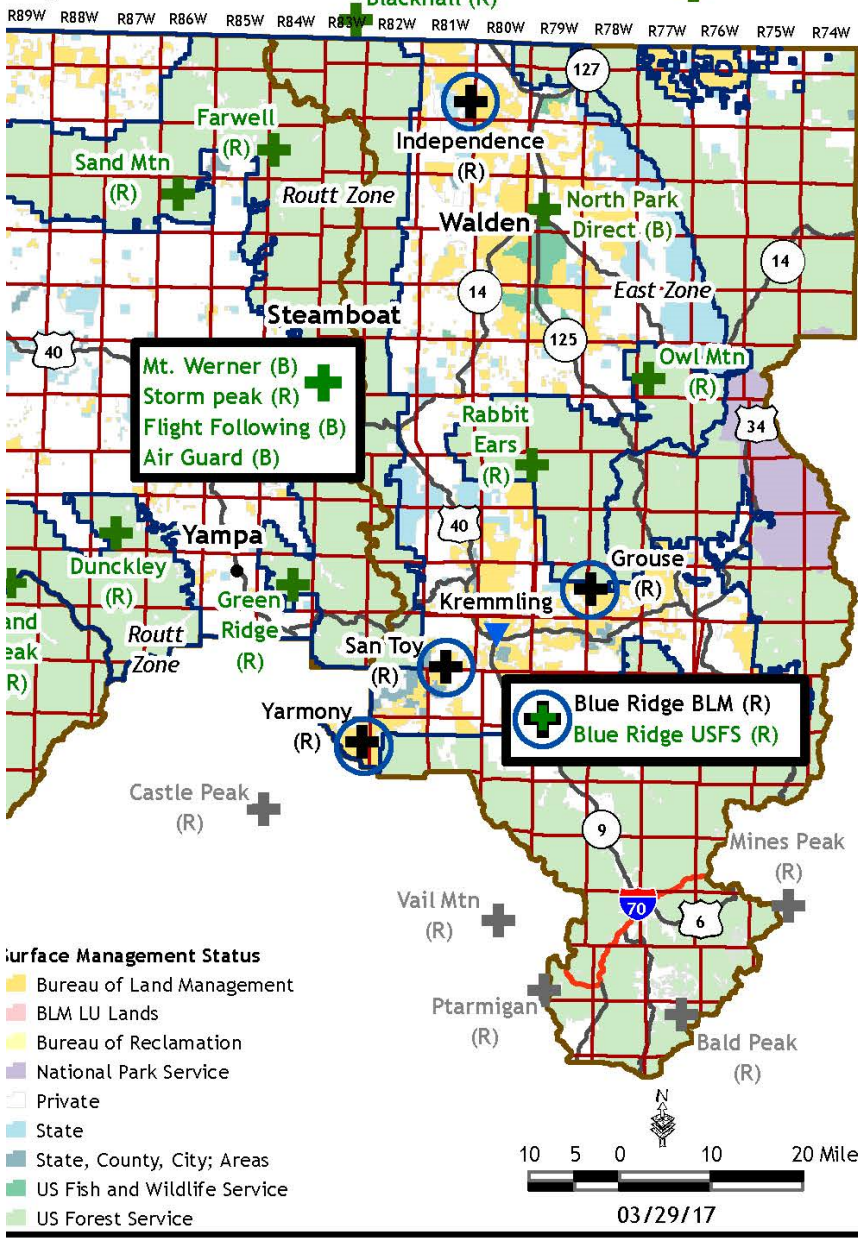


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Communication Sites

Mapping



INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAMS

TYPE 3 IMT'S

Type 3 IMTs are commonly used in Northwest Colorado. These incidents can range from a relatively small to a rather complex organization. Orders from the Type 3 organization are placed with Expanded Dispatch (if one is in place) via cell phone whenever possible. In the absence of an Expanded Dispatch all ordering will be done through Initial Attack dispatch, but still via cell phone whenever possible. Until a full team is in place, Dispatch will assist the Type 4 organization with logistics, plans, etc.

A dispatcher will be in close contact with the IC for completion of the ICS 209 for submission to RMACC by the designated time (1700). This process is extremely important in that priorities are set regionally and nationally based upon the information in this document.

It is **imperative** for payment purposes that all non-federal resources are tracked and information relayed to dispatch concerning arrival at incident and release from incident.

All paperwork should be completed prior to release (timesheets/shift tickets signed, inspections done, etc.)

TYPE 1 AND 2 IMT'S

Ordering

Use of the Interagency Resource Ordering Capability (IROC) by the Rocky Mountain Area will require that all request numbers be assigned by expanded dispatch. See expanded phone numbers under Dispatch Operations.

All tactical aircraft will be ordered through the Aircraft Dispatcher in Initial Attack. It is preferred that the Aircraft Dispatcher deals directly with Air Operations. This alleviates confusion on aircraft types, capabilities, availability, and priorities. This process will enable dispatch to meet the needs of the team more efficiently.

Any requests deemed by the Dispatch Center Manager or Expanded Dispatch Supervisor to be out of the ordinary, excessive, or unreasonable will be submitted to the line officer or their representative for approval prior to ordering. In such instances, justification may need to be submitted for documentation.

Name Requests* are the exception rather than the rule. They normally do not adhere to the most cost effective and timely mobilization of resources. If it is determined that a name request is necessary, the person requesting the resource **MUST** contact the "Name requested resource" in advance of placing the request with dispatch to confirm their availability (not just personal, but supervisor's as well), verify they are Qualified in IROC for the requested position, unit identifier, and contact phone number(s). This information must accompany the Name Request. If the resource being name requested has not been made available in IROC they need to do so immediately or the order will not go through.

**Depending on circumstances, an available name request may not be honored or filled depending on local, geographic, or national incident and resource allocation priorities.*

Intelligence

On **Type 1 and Type 2** Incidents, the ICS-209 will be input into the system by the team. If this is not possible (unable to connect, no logon, etc.) contact Craig Dispatch and a process will be worked out. If it is determined that Craig Dispatch will submit the ICS 209 for the team it must be into dispatch by 1700 for transmittal to the Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center. For **Type 3** Incidents, the ICS-209 information will be submitted by phone to Craig Dispatch by **1700** for input into the system.

Incident Action Plans will be submitted to the Craig Dispatch Center each day for dissemination through-out the support organization (buying team, expanded dispatch, cache, etc.) or posted to website for retrieval.

Maps of the incident will be provided to the Craig Dispatch Center when significant changes have occurred in perimeter.

IMT/Dispatch Briefing Checklist

Dispatch will provide:

- _____ Copy of all resource orders or access to IROC
- _____ Aircraft Info Sheets w/ Frequencies and TFR's
- _____ Thumb drive containing local plans/guides/maps

Home Unit will provide:

- _____ Unit maps and Topographical maps

IMT will provide:

- _____ Cell Phone numbers for team members

Medical Emergencies On Team Fires

Any type of Incident Management Team is expected to follow its own protocols for Medical Emergencies. Dispatch has protocols in place to provide assistance with Medevac situations as requested. If a Team has a medical emergency on the fire and does not request assistance from Dispatch, please notify Dispatch and/or the Unit FMO as soon as possible, in addition to the Agency Administrator.



Delegation of Authority to Manage Type 3-5 Incidents for the 2024 Fire Season

To:

Type 3-5 Incident Commanders March 20, 2024

You are delegated authority to manage the suppression of Type 3, 4 or 5 incidents to which you are assigned as Incident Commander on the USFS: Medicine Bow Routt National Forests, BLM: Northwest Colorado Fire & Aviation Management, NPS: Dinosaur National Monument, USFWS: Browns Park & Arapaho Refuge, Rio Blanco, Moffat, Routt, Grand, and Jackson, Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue, North Routt Fire Protection District, West Routt Fire Protection District, Oak Creek Fire Protection District, Yampa Fire Protection District, North Park Fire Rescue, Grand Lake Fire Protection District, Grand Fire Protection District, Kremmling Fire Protection District, Hot Sulphur Parshall Fire Protection District, East Grand Fire Protection District, Craig Rural Fire Protection District, Artesia Fire Protection District, Rangely Rural Fire Protection District, and Meeker Rural Fire Protection jurisdictions. Our goal in this delegation is to give you a clear, concise description of our intent and expectations for how we want you to manage incidents and personnel under your control.

Intent:

- We expect you to manage fires safely, effectively, and efficiently as possible, consistent with your level of training, experience, and qualifications. At all times, safety of firefighters and the public must be your primary objective. Everyone, every day, returns home safely.
- Manage all fire cost effectively for the values at risk.
- Small fires are easier to control and less expensive than large fires, so aggressive initial response is important to limit risks to firefighters and the public.
- The fire environment is a complex environment. We expect you to be aware of these complexities, ensure your intent as a leader is communicated, and then aggressively engage the fire. There will be times when a fire exceeds your training, qualifications, experience, or available resources. Effective firefighting can still happen, even if only to create and hold a safe anchor point until conditions improve or more resources arrive.
- Think creatively. Use your training, experience, and judgment to make the best decisions possible, and act decisively and safely.
- As you establish your strategies you should consider if avoidance areas exist and implement your tactics accordingly. The only exception to using fire retardant in avoidance areas is for public and firefighter safety.
- Manage fire consistent with values at risk, implementing tactics that will provide the minimum exposure to responders with the highest probability for success. Safety of firefighters and the public are your first priority.
- Coordinate action, resources orders and resource allocations with Craig Interagency Dispatch Center.

- Quality relationships with communities and firefighting partners are required in order to create successful outcomes. We expect you to act professionally and in a manner that builds confidence with the public and our partners.
- We expect you to provide a work environment free from harassment.
- There are rules, standards, and policies that govern our work as firefighters and as agency employees. We expect you to be familiar with these fundamentals and policies for each agency, including policies regarding work rest ratios, time keeping, fitness standards, training, qualifications, heavy equipment use, aviation, and wilderness. The fundamental principles that guide fire suppression, including the 10 and 18, LCES, and the Risk Management Process exist to improve your decision making and safe operations.

For type 3 incidents, this is only an initial Delegation of Authority; more direction will follow as the situation dictates. This delegation is effective until replaced by the delegation for 2025. An Incident Commander is a position held in trust by Agency Administrators who delegate the critical responsibility of this job to you, by the public whose resources and interests you are helping to protect, and most of all, by your fellow firefighters whose safety is largely dependent on how you carry out this responsibility.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Notify Craig Dispatch immediately concerning any medical emergency. Craig Dispatch uses the **MEDICAL PLAN (ICS 206 WF)**, replaces the "9-Line", found on the last 2 pages of this document.

Dispatch will clear all channels for an emergency by requesting all units to "stand by" on the impacted frequency(s).

- Stay calm and provide information to dispatch concerning the nature of the injury(s) and patient(s) information. At a minimum provide the following information ("Medical Plan" is located at the back of this guide):
 - Number of patient(s)
 - Location of patient(s)
 - Type or extent of injury(s)
 - Vitals (pulse, breathing, conscious?)
 - Time of injury(s)
 - Age and Gender of patient
 - Type of medical personnel on scene
- Recommend type of medical response (Life Flight, Ground Ambulance, etc.) If a Medevac helicopter is ordered, at least one ground ambulance will automatically be ordered as backup.
- If there is any special needs i.e. SAR, 6 Wheeler with litter etc.

**IF THERE IS ANY QUESTION IN YOUR MIND
WHETHER TO ORDER A GROUND AMBULANCE
OR A LIFE FLIGHT AMBULANCE,
REQUEST A LIFE FLIGHT AMBULANCE THROUGH DISPATCH.**

(Standard A/G Freq = VMED28 Rx155.3400 Tx155.3400 Tx/Rx Tone 156.7)

Medevac/Flight for Life helicopters are located in Rifle, CO; Montrose, CO; Vernal, UT; Salt Lake City, UT; Steamboat Springs, CO; Ft. Collins, CO; Casper, WY; and Rock Springs, WY. Availability of any resource will vary on a daily basis.

DO NOT SAY THE PATIENT'S NAME, CREW NAME, OR ENGINE NAME, ETC. OVER THE RADIO!

- Maintain communication with dispatch for updates and to receive ETA's for medical response.

Information on the following form will need to be gathered for all Medevacs. Dispatch will go through the information with the reporting party, completing as much of the information as possible.

As additional information is known, it will be passed between the Incident, Dispatch, and responding medical units

Required Treatment for Burn Injuries

The following standards will be used when any firefighter sustains burn injuries, regardless of agency jurisdiction².

The following standards will be used when any firefighter sustains burn injuries, regardless of agency jurisdiction (Red Book Ch 7 pgs 179-182):

All significant burns should be treated as a medical emergency and after on-site medical response, the patient should be transferred to a higher level of care. In most cases, this will be the nearest emergency department (e.g., hospital emergency room) to receive an initial evaluation. After initial medical stabilization and evaluation are completed, the agency administrator or designee having jurisdiction for the incident and/or firefighter representative (e.g., crew boss, medical unit leader, compensations for injury specialist, etc.) should discuss and coordinate with the attending physician to ensure that the injured firefighter understands the plan of care.

Agency administrators and the patient should understand that burns develop over days and the full extent or exact definitive treatment that will eventually be required may not be able to be determined on the initial emergency department visit. If a patient is discharged from the emergency department, the patient needs to understand when to follow up to have the burn reevaluated.

Regional Burn Centers

City	Hospital	Address	Phone #	# of Beds
Aurora	University of CO Hospital Burn Trauma Unit	12605 E. 16 th Ave	720-848-7583	21
Englewood	Swedish Medical Center – Burn and Reconstructive Center	501 E. Hampden Suite 310	303-788-6466	20
Salt Lake City, Utah	Univ. of Utah Hospital Burn Center	50 North Medical Drive	801-581-2700	15

MEDICAL PLAN	1. Incident Name North Zone		2. Date Prepared	3. Time Prepared	4. Operational Period						
5. Incident Medical Aid Station											
Medical Aid Stations			Location				Paramedics Yes No				
6. Transportation											
A. Ambulance Services											
Name		Address		Phone		Paramedics Yes No					
Craig		750 Hospital Loop Craig, CO		(970) 826-3130		X					
Maybell		60311 Hwy 40 Maybell, CO		(970) 824-6501		X					
Meeker		236 7 th Street		(970) 8789600		X					
Rangely		225 Eagle Crest Drive. Rangely, CO		(970) 675-8466		X					
Steamboat Springs		1024 Central Park Drive. Steamboat Springs, CO		(970) 879-1110		X					
B. Incident Ambulances											
Name		Location				Paramedics Yes No					
7. Hospitals											
Name		Address		Travel Time Air Ground		Phone		Helipad Yes No		Burn Center Yes No	
Memorial Hospital		750 Hospital Loop, Craig, CO				(970) 824-9411		X		X	
Pioneer's Hospital		100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive				(970) 878-5047		X		X	
Rangely District		225 Eagle Crest Drive Rangely, CO				(970) 675-5011 (970) 675-4255* (970) 675-4217*		X		X	
Yampa Valley Med		1024 Central Park Drive. Steamboat Springs, CO				(970) 879-1322		X		X	
St Mary's Hospital		2635 N 7 th Grand Junction, CO				(970) 244-2273		X		X	
Ashley Valley Med Center		151 W 200 N Vernal, UT				435-789-3342		X		X	
8. Life Flight Information											
Classic Lifeguard		Steamboat Springs, CO Vernal, UT Riverton, WY		1-800-444-9223		www.classiclifeguard.com					
9. Medical Emergency Procedures											

	*Nurse's Station Phone Numbers	
	10. Prepared by (Medical Unit Leader)	11. Reviewed by (Safety Officer)

MEDICAL PLAN	1. Incident Name South Zone	2. Date Prepared	3. Time Prepared	4. Operational Period
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5. Incident Medical Aid Station				
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Medical Aid Stations	Location	Paramedics	
		Yes	No

6. Transportation				
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A. Ambulance Services				
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Name	Address	Phone	Paramedics	
			Yes	No
Rangely	225 Eagle Crest Drive. Rangely, CO	(970) 675-8466		X
Meeker	100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive. Meeker, CO	(970) 878-9620		X
Grand Junction	2635 N 7 th Grand Junction, CO	(970) 242-4357	X	
Maybell	60311 Hwy 40 Maybell, CO	(970) 824-6501		X
Craig	750 Hospital Loop, Craig, CO	(970) 826-3130	X	

B. Incident Ambulances				
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Name	Location	Paramedics	
		Yes	No

7. Hospitals						
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Name	Address	Travel Time		Phone	Helipad		Burn Center	
		Air	Ground		Yes	No	Yes	No
Rangely District	225 Eagle Crest Drive Rangely, CO			(970) 675-5011 (970) 675-4255* (970) 675-4217*	X			X
Pioneer's Hospital	100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive. Meeker, CO			(970) 878-5047	X			X
St Mary's Hospital	2635 N 7 th Grand Junction, CO			(970) 244-2273	X			X
Ashley Valley Med Center	151 W 200 N Vernal, UT			(435)-789-3342	X			X
Memorial Hospital	750 Hospital Loop, Craig, CO			(970) 824-9411	X			X

8. Life Flight Information						
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Classic Lifeguard	Steamboat Springs, CO Vernal, UT Riverton, WY	1-800-444-9223	www.classiclifeguard.com
St. Mary's Care Flight	Grand Junction, CO	1-800-332-4923	www.stmarygj.org

9. Medical Emergency Procedures	
*Nurse's Station Phone Numbers	
10. Prepared by (Medical Unit Leader)	11. Reviewed by (Safety Officer)

MEDICAL PLAN	1. Incident Name East Zone	2. Date Prepared	3. Time Prepared	4. Operational Period
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5. Incident Medical Aid Station			
Medical Aid Stations	Location	Paramedics	
		Yes	No

6. Transportation

A. Ambulance Services

Name	Address	Phone	Paramedics	
			Yes	No
Steamboat Springs	1024 Central Park Drive, Steamboat Springs, CO	(970) 879-1110	X	
Craig	750 Hospital Loop Craig, CO	(970) 826-3130	X	
Laramie	255 N 30 th St Laramie, WY	307-721-5332	X	
Ft Collins	1024 S Lemay Ave Ft Collins, CO	(970) 484-1227	X	
Vail	181 W Meadow Drive Vail, CO	(970) 479-7227	X	

B. Incident Ambulances

Name	Location	Paramedics	
		Yes	No

7. Hospitals

Name	Address	Travel Time		Phone	Helipad		Burn Center	
		Air	Ground		Yes	No	Yes	No
Yampa Valley Med	1024 Central Park Drive, Steamboat Springs, CO			(970) 879-1322	X			X
Memorial Hospital	750 Hospital Loop, Craig, CO			(970) 824-9411	X			X
Iverson Memorial Hospital	255 N 30 th St Laramie, WY			307-742-2142	X			X
Poudre Valley Hospital (trauma)	1024 S Lemay Ave Ft Collins, CO			(970) 495-7000	X			X
Vail Valley Memorial	181 W Meadow Drive Vail, CO			(970) 476-2451	X			X
East Grand Community Clinic	145 Parsenn Rd, Winter Park, CO			(970) 726-4299	X			X
Middle Park Medical Center	1000 Granby Park Drive South Granby, CO 80446			(970) 887-5800	X			X
St. Anthony Summit Medical Center	340 Peak One Drive Frisco CO 80443			(970) 668-3300	X			X

8. Life Flight Information

Classic Lifeguard	Steamboat Springs, CO Vernal, UT Riverton, WY	1-800-444-9223	www.classiclifeguard.com
Flight For Life	St. Anthony Summit Medic Center Frisco, CO	(970) 668-3300	
UC Health Air Link	2500 Rocky Mountain Avenue Loveland, CO 80538		

9. Medical Emergency Procedures

10. Prepared by (Medical Unit Leader)	11. Reviewed by (Safety Officer)

MEDICAL PLAN	1. Incident Name Rouff NF	2. Date Prepared	3. Time Prepared	4. Operational Period
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5. Incident Medical Aid Station				
Medical Aid Stations	Location	Paramedics Yes No		

6. Transportation

A. Ambulance Services				
Name	Address	Phone	Paramedics Yes No	
Steamboat Springs	1024 Central Park Drive. Steamboat Springs, CO	(970) 879-1110	X	
Walden	Jackson County Ambulance Services 396 Le Fever St. Walden, CO	(970) 723-4022	X	
Craig	750 Hospital Loop, Craig, CO	(970) 826-3130	X	
Grand County EMS	81 W Agate Ave, Granby Co	(970) 887-2732	X	
Vail	181 W Meadow Drive, Vail, CO	(970) 479-7227	X	
Eagle	232 Broadway Eagle, CO	(970) 328-1130	X	
Ft Collins	1024 S Lemay Ave Ft Collins, CO	(970) 484-1227	X	

B. Incident Ambulances				
Name	Location	Paramedics Yes No		

7. Hospitals

Name	Address	Travel Time		Phone	Helipad Yes No		Burn Center Yes No	
		Air	Ground					
Yampa Valley Med	1024 Central Park Drive. Steamboat Springs, CO			(970) 879-1322	X			X
Memorial Hospital	750 Hospital Loop, Craig, CO			(970) 824-9411	X			X
Pioneer's Hospital	345 Cleveland Meeker, CO			(970) 878-5047	X			X
Middle Park Medical Center	214 South 4 th Street Kremmling CO			(970) 724-3442	X			X
Med Center of Eagle	377 Sylvan Lake Rd Eagle, CO			(970) 328-6357		X		X
Poudre Valley Hospital	1024 S Lemay Ave Ft Collins, CO			(970) 495-7000	X			X

8. Life Flight Information

Classic Lifeguard	Steamboat Springs, CO Vernal, UT Riverton, WY	1-800-444-9223	www.classiclifeguard.com
Air Link Lifeflight	Fort Collins/Loveland	1-855-405-5454	

9. Medical Emergency Procedures

10. Prepared by (Medical Unit Leader)	11. Reviewed by (Safety Officer)

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5. Incident Medical Aid Station

Medical Aid Stations	Location	Paramedics	
		Yes	No
LE Rangers in the Park are all EMT's and all carry complete Trauma Kit w/ Oxygen	Call for location		

6. Transportation

A. Ambulance Services

Name	Address	Phone	Paramedics	
			Yes	No
Rangely	225 Eagle Crest Drive Rangely, CO	(970) 675-8466	X	
Maybell	114 Collum Court Maybell, CO	(970) 272-3740		X
Vernal, Gold Cross Ambulance	220 West 100 South Vernal, UT	435-789-6907	X	
Careflight Air Ambulance	2635 N 7 th Grand Junction, CO	800-332-4923	X	
Classic Life Guard Air Ambulance	198 W 200 N Vernal, UT	800-444-9223	X	

B. Incident Ambulances

Name	Location	Paramedics	
		Yes	No

7. Hospitals

Name	Address	Travel Time		Phone	Helipad		Burn Center	
		Air	Ground		Yes	No	Yes	No
Ashley Valley Med Center	150 W 100 N Vernal, UT			435-789-3342	X			X
Rangely District	225 Eagle Crest Drive Rangely, CO			(970) 675-5011 (970) 675-4255* (970) 675-4217*	X			X
St Mary's Hospital	2635 N 7 th Grand Jct., CO			(970) 298-1920	X			X

8. Life Flight Information

Classic Lifeguard	Steamboat Springs, CO Vernal, UT Riverton, WY	1-800-444-9223	www.classiclifeguard.com
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9. Medical Emergency Procedures

Establish incident IC. Control scene. Call appropriate fire dispatch (Utah-Uintah Fire Center, CO- Craig). If on the monument call LE Rangers, let them know that you have called dispatch and they are activating EMS, ask them to assist as needed (scene control, traffic control, medical assistance, technical rescue). Inform dispatch of the extent of injuries, age of person and gender. Request appropriate transport, if in doubt order air transport. Evaluate ABC's – airway, breathing and pulse. Initiate first aid. Initiate burn protocol as necessary.

Personnel must be aware of where they are at in order to effectively use this plan: you must be able know which service will be responding to your incident. You must be able to give accurate and unbiased information to dispatch and do not say any names over the radio.

Nurse's Station Phone Numbers

10. Prepared by (Medical Unit Leader)

11. Reviewed by (Safety Officer)

MEDICAL PLAN (ICS 206 WF)
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Medical Incident Report		
<p>FOR A NON-EMERGENCY INCIDENT, WORK THROUGH CHAIN OF COMMAND TO REPORT AND TRANSPORT INJURED PERSONNEL AS NECESSARY.</p> <p>FOR A MEDICAL EMERGENCY: IDENTIFY ON SCENE INCIDENT COMMANDER BY NAME AND POSITION AND ANNOUNCE "MEDICAL EMERGENCY" TO INITIATE RESPONSE FROM IMT COMMUNICATIONS/DISPATCH.</p>		
<p>Use the following items to communicate situation to communications/dispatch</p>		
<p>1. CONTACT COMMUNICATIONS/DISPATCH <i>Ex: "Communications, Div. Alpha. Stand-by for Priority Medical Incident Report." (If life threatening request designated frequency be cleared for emergency traffic.)</i></p> <p>2. INCIDENT STATUS: <i>Provide incident summary and command structure. Ex: "Communications, I have a Red priority patient, unconscious, struck by a falling tree. Requesting air ambulance to Forest Road 1 at (Lat./Long.) This will be the Trout Meadow Medical, IC is TFLD Jones. EMT Smith is providing</i></p>		
<p>Severity of Emergency / Transport Priority</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> RED / PRIORITY 1 Life or limb threatening injury or illness. Evacuation need is IMMEDIATE Ex: Unconscious, difficulty breathing, bleeding severely, 2o – 3o burns more than 4 palm sizes, heat stroke, disoriented</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YELLOW/ PRIORITY 2 Serious Injury or illness. Evacuation may be DELAYED if necessary. Ex: Significant trauma, unable to walk, 2° – 3° burns not more than 1-3 palm sizes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> GREEN / PRIORITY 3 Minor Injury or illness. Non-Emergency transport. Not a life threatening injury or illness. Ex: Sprains, strains, minor heat-related illness.</p>	
<p>Nature of Injury or Illness & Mechanism of Injury</p>		<p>Brief Summary of Injury or Illness (Ex: Unconscious, Struck by Falling Tree)</p>
<p>Transport Request</p>		<p>Air Ambulance / Short Haul/Hoist Ground Ambulance / Other</p>
<p>Patient Location</p>		<p>Descriptive Location & Lat. / Long. (WGS84)</p>
<p>Incident Name</p>		<p>Geographic Name + "Medical" (Ex: Trout Meadow Medical)</p>
<p>On-Scene Incident Commander</p>		<p>Name of on-scene IC of Incident within an Incident (Ex: TFLD Jones)</p>
<p>Patient Care</p>		<p>Name of Care Provider (Ex: EMT Smith)</p>
<p>3. INITIAL PATIENT ASSESSMENT: <i>Complete this section for each patient as applicable (start with the most severe patient)</i></p>		
<p>Patient Assessment See IRPG page 106</p>		
<p>Treatment:</p>		

MEDICAL PLAN (ICS 206 WF) continued

4. TRANSPORT PLAN:					
Evacuation Location (if different): (Descriptive Location (drop point, intersection, etc.) or Lat. / Long.) Patient's ETA to Evacuation Location:					
Helispot / Extraction Site Size and Hazards:					
5. ADDITIONAL RESOURCE/EQUIPMENT NEEDS:					
Example: Paramedic/EMT, Crews, Immobilization Devices, AED, Oxygen, Trauma Bag, IV/Fluid(s), Splints, Rope rescue, Wheeled litter, HAZMAT, Extrication					
6. COMMUNICATIONS:					
Function	Channel Name/Number	Receive (Rx)	Tone/NAC*	Transmit (Tx)	Tone/NAC*
<i>Ex: Command</i>	<i>Forest Rpt, Ch.2</i>	<i>168.3250</i>	<i>110.9</i>	<i>171.4325</i>	<i>110.9</i>
COMMAND					
AIR-TO-GRND					
TACTICAL					
7. CONTINGENCY: Considerations: If primary options fail, what actions can be implemented in conjunction with primary evacuation method? Be thinking ahead					
8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Updates/Changes, etc.					
REMEMBER: Confirm ETA's of resources ordered. Act according to your level of training. Be Alert. Keep Calm. Think Clearly. Act Decisively					

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