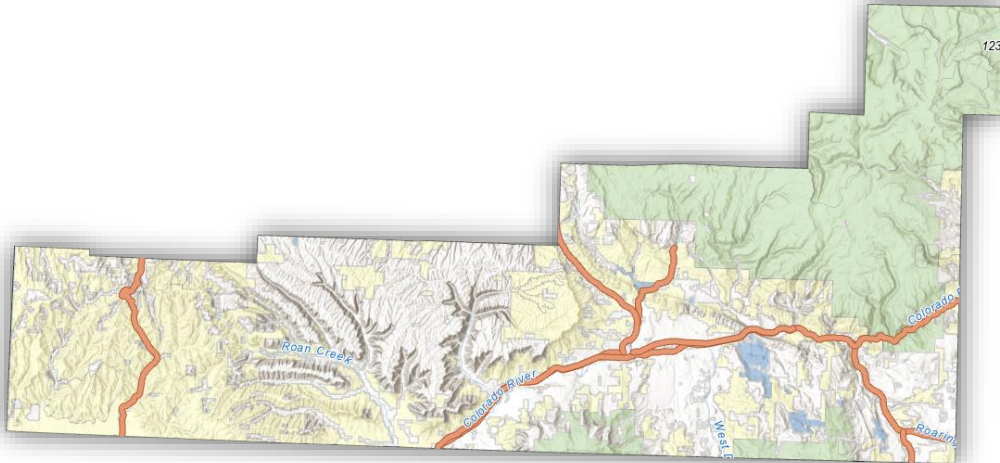


# GARFIELD COUNTY WILDLAND FIRE OPERATING PLAN

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*\*Last modified - 2024*

OP Summary		
<b>Mutual Aid Zone</b>	Countywide	All ground and aviation resources are considered mutual aid.
<b>Mutual Aid Period</b>	Until Midnight of the first operational period or midnight of the second operational period if mutually agreed upon by the Parties.	
<b>Local Dispatch</b>	Garfield County Emergency Communications Authority	(970) 625-8095
	Vail Public Safety Communication Center	(970) 479-2201
	Grand Junction Regional Communications Center	(970) 242-6707
<b>Interagency Dispatch</b>	Grand Junction (GJC) Craig (CRC)	(970) 257-4800 (970) 826-5037

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## **PREAMBLE**

This Wildland Fire Operating Plan is prepared pursuant to the Statewide Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement and the Colorado Statewide Wildland Fire Management Annual Operating Plan and the Agreement for Cooperative Wildfire Protection.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Operating Plan (OP) is to set forth standard operating procedures, agreed upon policies, and responsibilities to implement cooperative wildfire protection on all lands within Garfield County.

## **AUTHORITIES**

- Colorado Statewide Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement Between:
  - BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT – None
  - NATIONAL PARK SERVICE – None
  - BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS – None
  - UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE – COLO\_COOP\_2021-FF06R03000
  - UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE – ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION Agreement Number 21-FI-11020000-001
    - US Forest Service – White River National Forest Agreement Number – 22-FO-11021500-011
- Garfield County, Memorandum of Understanding For Participation in the Colorado Emergency Fire Fund
- Agreement for Cooperative Wildfire Protection in Garfield County

## **RECITALS**

It is to the mutual advantage of the Parties to this Plan to coordinate efforts for the prevention, detection, and suppression of wildfires in and adjacent to their areas of responsibility, and to limit duplication and improve the effectiveness of wildland fire response.

# INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

## Interagency Dispatch Centers

### Grand Junction (GJC) and Craig (CRC) Interagency Dispatch Centers

GJC and CRC are the primary dispatch for initial attack and extended attack on all federal lands within the county and will coordinate with the Garfield County Emergency Communications Authority for wildfire response on state and private lands. Interagency dispatch centers utilize Wildcad while dispatching for initial attack and IROC to dispatch resources beyond the mutual aid period.

### Garfield County Emergency Communications Authority

The Garfield County Emergency Communications Authority is the primary dispatch for the Garfield County Sheriff's Office and Fire Protection District's initial attack response on private and state lands within the county and will coordinate with GJC and CRC for wildfire response on federal lands.

### Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

If activated, the EOC and Interagency Dispatch Center(s) will coordinate closely with each other in order to not duplicate efforts.

## Interagency Resources

All wildland fire agencies are limited by current staffing and funding levels. A wildfire is normally a seasonal event and as such, fire suppression capability will vary by time of year.

## Standards

During initial action, all agencies (local, state, and federal) accept each other's qualification standards. Once jurisdiction is clearly established, then the standards of the agency(s) with jurisdiction prevail.

All fireline personnel at the incident, including during the mutual aid period, must be a minimum of 18 years old and be equipped with personal protective equipment that meets standards identified in the Interagency Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations-NFES 2724 (Red Book), Chapter 7.

The Incident Command System (ICS) will be utilized on all wildland fires.

### BLM

*Local fire department personnel responding to incidents on BLM lands must:*

- *Be 18 years of age or older;*
- *Have and use the required personal protective equipment (PPE) found in Chapter 7; and*
- *Have a basic level of wildland fire training. The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) course S-190 and S-130 are recommended, both courses can be modified to fit*

*local needs (local fire department requirement).*

- *Pre-identified incident communication protocols will be established and followed (e.g., frequencies plans, points of contact, and inter-operable radio hardware).*
- *The Incident Command System (ICS) will be used to manage all incidents.*

## **PREPAREDNESS**

### **Protection Planning**

Each jurisdictional authority is responsible for their protection planning documents to be created in accordance with the authority's policy and goals.

### **Protection Areas and Boundaries**

Federal jurisdictional agencies have responsibility for wildfire protection on federal lands. Within Fire Protection Districts and/or Fire Departments, the Fire Chief is responsible for fire protection on non-federal lands, unless this responsibility is transferred by mutual consent to the County Sheriff. The County Sheriff is responsible for wildfire protection on all non-federal lands in the county that are outside of Fire Protection District boundaries. The Division of Fire Prevention and Control does not have jurisdiction on any lands, until authority and responsibility are transferred by mutual consent from the County Sheriff to DFPC.

### **Methods of Fire Protection and Suppression**

The Incident Command System (ICS) is a component of NIMS and is a standardized emergency management system specifically designed to provide for an integrated organizational structure used for incident management. ICS will be used to manage all wildland fires.

### **Reciprocal (Mutual Aid) Fire Assistance**

#### Mutual Aid Zone:

Mutual aid is considered county-wide.

#### Mutual Aid Period:

The mutual aid period is defined as the time of initial dispatch and ends at either midnight of the first operational period or midnight of the second operational period. All mutual aid periods will preferably end at midnight for ease of financial accounting and the development of cost share agreements. Agencies are responsible for their own costs during the mutual aid time period.

It is understood that no agency will be required or expected to commit its forces through mutual aid to assist another agency to the extent of jeopardizing the security or responsibilities of its own jurisdiction.

#### Mutual Aid Resources:

- All ground and aviation resources are considered mutual aid resources.

### Mountain Area Mutual Aid

The Mountain Area Mutual Aid Operating Plan (MAMA) establishes mutual aid between local Fire and EMS Agencies within Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Lake, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt and Summit Counties in the Mountain Area Region. When Mountain Area Mutual Aid is implemented, an Agency Representative (AREP) may be assigned to the incident to facilitate the tracking and allocation of MAMA resources and coordinate with the agency(s) having jurisdiction. Resources who respond under MAMA may be assigned to the incident and placed on a resource order for extended attack if needed and available in IROC.

### **Acquisition of Services**

Each agency will follow their own policies and procedures for acquiring services in support of an incident. Examples of these services include food caterers, portable toilets, hand wash stations, land use agreements, etc. The agency(s) having jurisdiction are responsible for supporting the incident.

### **Joint Projects and Project Plans**

The Parties may jointly conduct cooperative projects, within their authority and as authorized by law, to maintain or improve their fire management services and activities. Reference of CWPPs for Garfield County and those communities within Garfield County should be a driver in this effort.

### **Fire Prevention**

Prevention efforts should be coordinated to provide uniform and consistent information to the public. News releases and media events should be coordinated to prevent duplication, maintain a consistent message to the public, and reduce costs.

### **Public Use Restrictions**

The purpose of fire restrictions is to reduce the risk of human-caused fires during high fire danger and/or burning conditions, for the protection of human life and property. Fire restrictions and closures are invoked on federal, state, county, and private lands under federal and state laws. It is essential that the restrictions and closures are easily understood by the public and that implementation should be closely coordinated across all lands and jurisdictions involved in the county. Fire restrictions may be implemented all together at that same time or individually as needed given the differences in elevation and fuel conditions. In the case that fire restrictions are implemented, the county sheriff will be responsible for the enforcement on non-federal lands and the respective federal agency is responsible for enforcement on federal lands. The procedures for initiation and rescinding fire restrictions and emergency closures are described in Attachment B - Fire Restriction Process. In addition to the criteria listed in the Fire Restrictions Process, fire managers may consider additional factors such as fire occurrence, resistance to control, availability of resources, etc.

## **Burn Permits**

An open burn permit is required in Garfield County for prescribed fires and open burning on private land. Burn Permits are issued by the Fire Protection Districts/Departments and the Garfield County Sheriff's Department. Burn permits are restricted and are normally not issued from Memorial Day thru Labor Day of each year.

## **Prescribed Fire (Planned Ignitions) and Fuels Management**

The Parties will cooperate in the development and implementation of prescribed burning programs and projects. Each agency will notify the other agencies of major prescribed burning activity prior to ignition.

If parties to this OP conduct a cooperative prescribed fire, details covering cost sharing, reimbursement, and responsibility for suppression costs, should it escape, shall be agreed upon and documented in the burn plan.

Wildfires resulting from escaped prescribed fires ignited by a party to this OP on lands it manages shall be the responsibility of that party. The party responsible for the prescribed fire will reimburse other parties to this OP consistent with the terms and conditions contained herein for costs incurred in suppression of such fires.

## **Smoke Management**

The Parties to this plan will try and minimize negative smoke impacts as a result of prescribed burning. All prescribed fires will conform to standards set forth in local, state, and federal regulations. Smoke Management Permits are required to conduct prescribed burns and are administered through the State of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

# **OPERATIONS**

## **Fire Notifications**

The responsible jurisdictional agency will be notified of a wildfire on or threatening their land as soon as possible once jurisdiction is determined. Notification of the jurisdictional agency may be made by the Dispatch Center tracking the initial attack resources.

## **Boundary Line Fires**

A boundary line fire is a fire that occurs on lands of intermingled and/or adjoining protection responsibilities. A fire adjacent to a protection boundary or located in an area of undetermined jurisdiction will be the initial attack responsibility of the protecting agencies on both sides of the boundary. If multiple agencies are engaged in a fire on or near common boundaries, the agency representatives should convene as soon as possible to decide upon the best fire strategy.



## **Response to Wildland Fire**

Firefighter and public safety are the first and foremost priority. Upon arriving on scene initial attack resources should provide a size-up, determine jurisdiction, and make the appropriate notifications if necessary. Resources should only commit to tactics and strategies that have a high probability of success while accomplishing incident objectives. The parties agree to establish LCES and follow the 10 Standard Fire Orders.

The closest forces concept will be utilized. There should be no delay in response pending determination of the precise location of a fire, land ownership, jurisdiction or responsibility. The jurisdictional agency will assume command of the incident as soon as possible or as otherwise agreed.

## **Special Management Considerations**

### Management Objectives:

All lands under the Sheriff's jurisdiction are managed under a full suppression strategy. However, it is recognized that federal agencies may manage fire for multiple objectives on lands within their jurisdiction. A supporting agency taking independent action within another agency's jurisdiction should notify that agency as soon as possible, in order to avoid conflicting land management objectives.

### Evacuations

Evacuation efforts will be coordinated and controlled by the Garfield County Sheriff's office. Traffic control will be provided by the County Sheriff, upon request, to expedite the routing of vehicles and personnel to and from major fires and to exclude unauthorized personnel from the fire area.

### Greater Sage-Grouse:

Greater Sage-Grouse protection and habitat enhancement is a high priority for the federal land management agency's fire management programs, however firefighter and public safety is the first priority on every fire and takes precedence over natural resource protection. When unplanned ignition occurs in Greater Sage-Grouse habitat the appropriate federal land management agency will be immediately notified.

### Retardant Avoidance Areas:

Avoid aerial application of all wildland fire chemicals within 300 feet (ft.) of waterways or other mapped avoidance areas. Waterways are defined as any body of water (including lakes, rivers, streams, and ponds) whether or not it contains aquatic life. Deviations from the policy are allowed only for the protection of life or safety (public and firefighter).

## **Decision Process**

Federal agencies are required to utilize the Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) for fires on their lands. If multi-jurisdictional fires occur that involve federal and non-federal

lands, then one WFDSS should be completed for the incident that includes input from all affected jurisdictional agencies. Additionally, all State Responsibility Fires require a Decision Support System be utilized.

### **Cooperation**

The parties agree to coordinate fire suppression efforts and will continue to enhance strong partnerships between local, state, and federal agencies.

### **Communication**

Each agency is responsible for providing public information as necessary for fires that they are responsible for. The parties agree to coordinate public information efforts as needed.

On multijurisdictional fires a Joint Information Center (JIC) may be established. A JIC can act as a single point of coordination for public information on an incident. The agencies having jurisdiction on the incident are all represented and can jointly disseminate official, timely, and accurate information to the public through their respective PIOs.

### **Cost efficiency**

Cost effectiveness of any fire operation is the responsibility of all involved, including those that authorize, direct, or implement those operations. Cooperation and coordination during the decision process should be the intent with the goal being to accomplish fire operations objectives safely and efficiently.

Each party is fiscally accountable and responsible for the cost of the suppression of wildfires within their respective jurisdictional boundaries. The parties agree to coordinate and make joint decisions when resources are being ordered that may have a financial impact to a partner agency.

### **Delegation of Authority**

In the event of an extended attack incident, a Delegation of Authority should be issued to the Incident Commander prior to he or she assuming command of the fire. If that is not possible due to time constraints then the delegation should be issued as soon as possible following the assumption of command.

If the fire is a multijurisdictional fire, then an Agency Administrator from each jurisdictional agency should issue a single joint Delegation of Authority to the incident commander.

### **Preservation of Evidence**

The Jurisdictional Agency will be responsible for fire origin and cause investigation. Regardless of whether the Initial Attack Incident Commander is a representative of the Jurisdictional Agency, he or she should protect and preserve the general origin area of the fire, as well as information and evidence pertaining to the origin and cause of the wildland fire. The general origin area of the fire should be immediately identified and protected by the initial attack

resources in order to protect evidence for the fire origin and cause investigation. Fire cause investigations are required for Federal Fires, State Responsibility Fires, and any wildland fire that receives a Federal Emergency Management Agency declaration. The Participants acknowledge that an accurate origin and cause investigation and determination is essential to an effective and fair administrative, civil or criminal action. Federal policy requires Federal agencies to use an NWCG qualified Fire Investigator (INVF) and to pursue cost recovery for all human-caused fires on public lands. Joint investigations are encouraged on multijurisdictional fires.

## **STATE EMERGENCY FIRE FUND (EFF)**

Garfield County is a participant in the Emergency Fire Fund program. This process formalizes the transfer of a qualifying fire from a County Responsibility Fire to a State Responsibility Fire. Details are outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding For Participation in the Colorado Emergency Fire Fund.

## **USE AND REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERAGENCY FIRE RESOURCES**

### **Cost Share Agreement (Cost Share Methodologies)**

A cost share agreement should be considered for any multi-jurisdiction fire that goes beyond the mutual aid period. Cost share agreements should be negotiated as soon as practical, signed by agency administrators, and may be updated as needed. A copy of all cost share agreements should be provided to the DFPC Battalion Chief. An example template that may be used can be found in Attachment – D.

Examples include but are not limited to the following methodologies for determining shared costs to the agencies involved:

- Each agency assumes its own costs as expended by it in the fire control effort.
- Division of costs based upon percent ownership.
- Each agency agrees to a negotiated portion of the suppression costs.

### **Training**

Each party is responsible for the training of their respective personnel. Standardized fire training courses are provided periodically within the County. As courses are offered, the Parties should advise the others and issue invitations to participate.

### **Communication Systems**

Local, state and federal agencies utilize different radio systems and frequencies. The Parties agree to share the appropriate radio frequencies with each other in order to enhance firefighter safety and allow for an effective mutual aid response. The VHF Communications Plan for the UCR and Craig Interagency Fire are included in Attachment - A.

## **Fire Weather Systems**

Fire weather forecasts are issued by the National Weather Service. Each agency may obtain fire weather forecasts and is responsible for requesting spot weather forecasts for their individual fire incidents. Red Flag Warnings and Watches are issued by the National Weather Service.

## **Aviation Operations**

Aviation resources for wildland fire should be ordered through Grand Junction Interagency Dispatch. When aircraft are ordered, the request should include the following:

- Type and kind of aviation resource being requested.
- Lat/Long (Degrees decimal minutes)
- Ground contact for who will work with the aircraft on the incident.
- Aerial Hazards in the area.

Air Attack will be ordered automatically under certain circumstances per the Interagency Aerial Supervision Guide.

Designated VHF air-to-ground frequencies are required when using aircraft and GJC or CRC will designate the appropriate air-to-ground frequency for the incident.

Aircraft must be DOI/USFS carded for use on fires where federal resources are being used or where federal lands are involved.

### Multi-Mission Aircraft (MMA)

To order the MMA, place the request through the appropriate Interagency Dispatch Center.

## **Billing Procedures**

DFPC administers wildfire billing in Colorado for Local, State, and Federal agencies. The Parties may aggregate expenses incurred and present an invoice for such expenses to DFPC. Required documentation includes but is not limited to Resource Orders, Crew Time Reports, Equipment Shift Tickets, and Colorado Resource Rate Forms (CRRFs). DFPC will then bill the jurisdictional authority and reimburse the applicable party. A copy of all cost share agreements between non-federal and federal agencies should be provided to DFPC for billing purposes. (For more detailed information see Exhibit A of the Statewide Operating Plan.)

## **Cost Recovery**

In the event that cost recovery is pursued on a trespass fire, all costs from the time of initial report of the fire may be pursued including those incurred during the Mutual Aid period. Federal policy requires Federal agencies to pursue cost recovery for all human-caused fires on federal jurisdiction

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Personnel Policy**

The Parties are subject to the personnel laws, rules and policies of their respective organizations.

### **Modification**

Modifications within the scope of this Operating Plan shall be made by mutual consent of the Parties, through the issuance of a written modification signed and dated by all Parties prior to any changes being performed. Attachments may be updated annually without a formalized approval process in order to maintain current and up-to-date information.

### **Annual Review**

This Operating Plan is reviewed annually by April 1st. This Operating Plan will remain current until a revised Operating Plan is signed by all Parties.

### **Duration of Plan**

This Operating Plan is executed as of the date of last signature and remains in effect until March 5, 2026 which is concurrent with the Master agreement expiration date, unless extended.

### **Previous Plans Superseded**

Once signed, this Operating Plan supersedes the previous Operating Plan.

## SIGNATURES

Authorized Representatives

### GARFIELD COUNTY SIGNATURES

<u>Lou Vallario</u>	<u>1/31/2022</u>
<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
<u>Lou Vallario</u>	<u>County Sheriff</u>
<i>Printed Name</i>	<i>Title</i>

### COLORADO DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION & CONTROL SIGNATURE

<u>Jesse Moreng</u>	<u>1/29/2022</u>
<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
<u>Jesse Moreng</u>	<u>Battalion Chief</u>
<i>Printed Name</i>	<i>Title</i>

### FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY SIGNATURES

<u>Elijah Waters</u>	<u>2/1/2022</u>
<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
<u>Elijah Waters</u>	<u>District Manager</u>
<i>Printed Name</i>	<i>Title</i>
<u>Bureau of Land Management – Northwest District</u>	
<i>Federal Agency, Unit</i>	

Gregory Larson 1/31/2022  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Greg Larson District Manager  
Printed Name Title

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Scott Fitzwilliams 1/31/2022  
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Scott Fitzwilliams Forest Supervisor  
Printed Name Title

US Forest Service – White River National Forest  
Federal Agency, Unit

Alison Laybolt 2/4/2022  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Alison Laybolt Acting Forest Supervisor  
Printed Name Title

US Forest Service – Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest  
Federal Agency, Unit

The authority and format of this agreement have been reviewed and approved for signature.

Dave Graham 1/29/2022  
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DAVE GRAHAM, Grants Management Specialist  
U.S. Forest Service, Region 2

## Attachment A – Interagency Communications Plan

**2024 UCR-IFMU FREQUENCIES** – Updated 1/23/2024

Type	Name		RX	TX	Tx Tone	Area
<b>BLM Command (DISPATCH)</b>	Blackridge (Base Station)		172.1125	172.1125	156.7	Direct, Grand Junction
	Rabbit Valley (Repeater)		172.1125	163.0750	123.0	West of Grand Junction
	Gateway (Repeater)		172.1125	163.0750	186.2	South of GJ, Unaweep Canyon
	Douglas Pass (Repeater)		172.1125	163.0750	151.4	NW of Grand Junction
	Mesa Point (Repeater)		172.1125	163.0750	131.8	South of Grand Junction
	Lands End (Repeater)		172.1125	163.0750	173.8	SE of Grand Junction
	Logan Wash (Repeater)		172.1125	163.0750	156.7	NE of Debeque
	BLM West Portable (Repeater)		172.1125	163.0750	127.3	Available on West Zone
	Lookout (Base Station)		169.7750	169.7750	77.0	Direct, Glenwood Springs
	BLM Sunlight (Repeater)		169.7750	163.1500	156.7	Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, Basalt
	BLM Castle (Repeater)		169.7750	163.1500	162.2	Eagle, Gypsum, Vail
	BLM Central Portable (Repeater)		169.7750	163.1500	127.3	Available on Central Zone
	Reserved					Future BLM Repeater, location TBD
	Reserved					Future BLM Repeater, location TBD
<b>WRF Command (DISPATCH)</b>	South Direct		171.2625	171.2625	103.5	Direct, Glenwood Springs
	Corral (Repeater)		171.2625	164.7000	131.8	Silt, Rifle, Parachute
	FS Sunlight (Repeater)		171.2625	164.7000	156.7	Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, Basalt
	Loge (Repeater)		171.2625	164.7000	136.5	Aspen
	Twilight (Repeater)		171.2625	164.7000	141.3	South Roaring Fork Valley
	Lake Hill (Repeater)		171.2625	164.7000	123.0	Dillon, Silverthorne, Frisco, Keystone
	Blue Ridge (Repeater)		171.2625	164.7000	167.9	North Summit County
	Bald Hill (Repeater)		171.2625	164.7000	114.8	Breckenridge
	Huntsman's Ridge (FUTURE)		171.2625	164.7000	123.0	Not established at this time
	WRF South Portable (Repeater)		171.2625	164.7000	151.4	Incident specific
	North Direct		170.5250	170.5250	103.5	Direct, Meeker
	Red Table (Repeater)		170.5250	164.2000	107.2	South Eagle County
	FS Castle (Repeater)		170.5250	164.2000	127.3	Eagle, Gypsum, Vail
	Vail (Repeater)		170.5250	164.2000	162.2	Vail, Minturn
	Ptarmigan (Repeater)		170.5250	164.2000	100.0	Minturn, Red Cliff
	Lobo (Repeater)		170.5250	164.2000	146.2	Meeker, Blanco RD, NW Flattops
	Sand (Repeater)		170.5250	164.2000	110.9	Blanco RD, North Flattops
	Cliff (Repeater)		170.5250	164.2000	192.8	Blanco RD, West Flattops
	Sleepy Cat Trail (FUTURE)		170.5250	164.2000	131.8	Not established at this time
	Hunn's Peak (FUTURE)		170.5250	164.2000	136.5	Not established at this time
	WRF North Portable (Repeater)		170.5250	164.2000	151.4	Incident specific
	Land's End (Base Station)		170.4625	170.4625	100.0	Direct, Grand Junction
	Land's End (Repeater)		170.4625	164.825	103.5	North, West Grand Mesa
	Montpelier (Repeater)		170.4625	164.8250	114.8	South Uncompahgre Plateau
<b>GMF Command (DISPATCH)</b>	Mud Hill (Repeater)		170.4625	164.8250	110.9	Central Grand Mesa
	Island Lakes (Repeater)		170.4625	164.8250	107.2	South Grand Mesa
	Reserved					Future GMF Repeater, location TBD
	Reserved					Future GMF Repeater, location TBD
	Reserved					Future GMF Repeater, location TBD
	Reserved					Future GMF Repeater, location TBD
<b>TACTICAL Simplex</b>	BLM Fire Tac 7		169.2875	169.2875	N/A	BLM Fire Tactical
	WRF Fire Tac		166.6750	166.6750	N/A	WRF Fire Tactical
	Reserved					
	BLM Work		168.3500	168.3500	N/A	BLM Work Channel
	WRF Common Work 1		168.6125	168.6125	N/A	WRF Work Channel
	V Fire 21		154.2800	154.2800	156.7	Mutual Aid w/State, County, Local FDs
	V Med 28		155.3400	155.3400	156.7	A/G and Medical Support for IMT's 1, 2, and 3
<b>AVIATION Simplex</b>	NAME	DISPLAY	RX	TX	TONE	AIR/GROUND ZONES
	Air-Ground 49**	A/G 49	168.0375	168.0375	N/A	Zone 3 Grand Junction Zone Primary
	Air-Ground 09**	A/G 09	166.9125	166.9125	N/A	Zone 3 Grand Junction Zone Secondary
	Air-Ground 13	A/G 13	167.4250	167.4250	N/A	Zone 2 Craig Zone (South)
	Air-Ground 07	A/G 07	166.8500	166.8500	N/A	Zone 4 Montrose Zone
	Air-Ground 58	A/G 58	169.0875	169.0875	N/A	Zone 1 Craig Zone (North)
	Air-Ground 07	A/G 07	166.8500	166.8500	N/A	Zone 5 Durango Zone
	Air-Ground 58	A/G 58	169.0875	169.0875	N/A	Zone 6 Ft. Collins Zone
	Air-Ground 10	A/G 10	166.9375	166.9375	N/A	Zone 7 Pueblo Zone
	Air-Ground 10	A/G 10	166.9375	166.9375	N/A	Utah Zone 4 (Moab Zone)
	Air-Ground 44	A/G 44	167.6250	167.6250	N/A	Utah Zone 4 (Moab Zone)
	Air-Ground 18	A/G 18	168.0125	168.0125	N/A	Utah Zone 5 (Vernal Zone)
	Air-Ground 51	A/G 51	168.3125	168.3125	N/A	Utah Zone 5 (Vernal Zone)
	Air Guard	AIRGUARD	168.6250	168.6250	110.9 T/R	EMERGENCY / INITIAL CONTACT
	National Flight Follow		168.6500	168.6500	110.9 T/R	Non-mission aircraft tracking

Changes/Additions for 2023 or later - highlighted in yellow



Craig Zone Frequencies

CRC SOUTH (BLM GROUP 2)					
<i>NAME</i>	<i>MNEMONIC</i>	<i>RX (Mhz)</i>	<i>RX TONE</i>	<i>TX (Mhz)</i>	<i>TX TONE</i>
FIRE TAC 7	FIRETAC7	169.2875		169.2875	
FIRE TAC 8	FIRETAC8	172.5875		172.5875	
BLM SOA Repeater	LR SOA	172.5875		163.3875	110.9
VFIRE21	VFIRE21	154.2800		154.2800	156.7
A/G7	A/G7	166.8500		166.8500	
A/G13	A/G13	167.4250		167.4250	
A/G56	A/G56	168.6625		168.6625	
LYONS	LYONS	173.6750		164.6250	131.8
WILSON CREEK	WILSON	173.6750		164.6250	123.0
CATHEDRAL	CATHEDRL	173.6750		164.6250	192.8
JUNIPER	JUNIPER	172.7250		164.5250	131.8
TANKS PEAK	TANKS	172.7250		164.5250	123.0
MEEKER PORT	MKR PORT	173.6750		164.6250	127.3
RANGELY VFD	RANG VFD	154.4450		154.4450	

FIREHPBE (BLM GROUP 4-USFS GROUP 9)					
<i>NAME</i>	<i>MNEMONIC</i>	<i>RX (Mhz)</i>	<i>RX TONE</i>	<i>TX (Mhz)</i>	<i>TX TONE</i>
ROUTT COUNTY FIRE	RCFD DIR	154.3700		154.3700	127.3
VFIRE21	VFIRE21	154.2800		154.2800	156.7
RTF Tactical	ROUT TAC	168.7500		168.7500	
Green Ridge	GREEN RG	169.6000		164.9125	100.0
Dunckley	DUNCKLEY	169.6000		164.9125	136.5
Farwell	FARWELL	169.6000		164.9125	123.0
Sand Mtn	SAND MTN	169.6000		164.9125	131.8
Rabbit Ears	RABBT ER	172.3750		164.8750	107.2
San Toy	SAN TOY	169.6250		163.5750	146.2
FS Cedar	CEDAR	169.6000		164.9125	167.9
Fire TAC 7	FIRETAC7	169.2875		169.2875	
VMED28	VMED28	155.3400		155.3400	156.7
A/G7	A/G7	166.8500		166.8500	
A/G56	A/G56	168.6625		168.6625	
A/G58	A/G58	169.0875		169.0875	
AIR GUARD	AIRGUARD	168.6250		168.6250	110.9

## PROCESS FOR IMPLEMENTING FIRE RESTRICTIONS

- **ERC 90-96% LAST 5 DAYS WITH REPRESENTATIVE SIG GROUPS**
  - **HIGH HUMAN CAUSED RISK**
- **LIVE FUEL MOISTURES ARE AT OR APPROACHING HISTORIC THRESHOLDS**
- **NO SIGNIFICANT RELIEF IN FIRE WEATHER FORECAST DURING THE NEXT 7 DAYS**



ALL CRITERIA ARE  
MET, IMPLEMENT  
STAGE I  
RESTRICTIONS



THREE ELEMENTS ARE  
PRESENT, STRONGLY  
CONSIDER STAGE I  
RESTRICTIONS.



LESS THAN THREE  
ELEMENTS ARE  
PRESENT, NO FIRE  
RESTRICTIONS

- **ERC GREATER THAN 97% LAST 5 DAYS WITH REPRESENTATIVE SIG GROUPS**
  - **HIGH HUMAN CAUSED RISK**
- **LIVE FUEL MOISTURES WELL BELOW HISTORIC THRESHOLDS**
- **NO SIGNIFICANT RELIEF IN FIRE WEATHER FORECAST DURING THE NEXT 7 DAYS**



ALL CRITERIA ARE  
MET, IMPLEMENT  
STAGE II  
RESTRICTIONS



THREE ELEMENTS ARE  
PRESENT, STRONGLY  
CONSIDER STAGE II  
RESTRICTIONS.



LESS THAN THREE  
ELEMENTS ARE  
PRESENT, REMAIN AT  
STAGE I  
RESTRICTIONS

- High human Caused Risk may include Holidays, Special Events or High Visitation levels to certain areas
- Stage III-Area Closures are extremely rare events, and will only be implemented in extraordinary situations after significant interagency coordination.

## PROCESS FOR RESCINDING FIRE RESTRICTIONS

- **ERC 75% or LESS LAST 3 DAYS WITH REPRESENTATIVE SIG GROUPS**
- **HUMAN CAUSED RISK IS MODERATE OR LESS OVER NEXT 14 DAYS**
- **LIVE FUEL MOISTURES ARE AT ABOVE HISTORIC THRESHOLDS**
- **RMA PREDICTIVE SERVICES FORECASTS THAT MODERATE TO LOW FIRE CONDITIONS WILL PREVAIL FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS**



**All Criteria are met, Rescind Restrictions**

**Three Elements are Present, Consider Rescinding Restrictions**

**Less Than Three Elements are Present, No Change in Fire Restrictions**

**Note: Once implemented all levels of Fire Restrictions will generally not be reduced until fuels and weather conditions have moderated greatly. This is to avoid having to re-implement fire restrictions in a short period of time.**

# Attachment C

## Garfield County Wildland Fire Operating Plan Contacts

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Fire Protection Districts			
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**Cost Share Agreement**  
**xxxxx Fire**  
**Incident #**  
**(Responsibility) Period**

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**Fire Start Date and Time:** xx/xx/xxxx @ xxxx hours MDT

**Mutual Aid Period:** Mutual aid ended on xx/xx/xxxx @ 2400 hours MDT

**Location:** Lat/Long and general location

**Acres:** Approximately xxxx acres as of xx/xx/xxxx, include acreage breakdown and ownership if known.

This Cost Share Agreement between the (agency name here) and the (agency name here) was prepared with the following authorities provided by:

1. The Colorado Statewide Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement between the State of Colorado; USDA Forest Service; USDI Bureau of Land Management; USDI National Parks Service; USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs; USDI Fish and Wildlife Service.
2. Agreement for Cooperative Wildfire Protection between xxxx County and the State of Colorado.
3. The Colorado Statewide Wildland Fire Management Annual Operating Plan.
4. xxxx County Wildfire Operating Plan

It is agreed that:

- Address costs during the Mutual Aid Period.
- Specify the Cost Share Responsibility Period with date and time it begins. (Fire Department, County, State)
- Clearly specify who is paying for what with the following examples.
  - Percent acreage split
  - Identify specific resources and who pays for which
  - Each agency covers their own costs
  - Etc.
- Include any additional information needed to clearly communicate the terms of this CSA.
- This Agreement does not cover fire rehabilitation. Rehabilitation costs other than on the fireline suppression repair (to repair suppression impacts) will be borne by the jurisdictional agency(s).
- In the event of injury, each Agency will cover their own workman's compensation costs.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS:

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