

# TACTICAL AIRCRAFT IN ROSS...

## Airtankers

1. Airtankers will be released each night to its Current Operating Base, available for Initial Attack needs each day.
2. **Current Operating Base / Reload Base = Air Tanker Base (ATB).**
3. Airtankers use national dollars for their overnight costs, it is built into their contract.

## SEATS

1. CO State SEAT's will be released each night to its Current Operating Base, available for Initial Attack needs each day.
2. **Current Operating Base / Reload Base = SEAT Base**
3. Requests for SEAT's should be sent to the Neighboring Dispatch Centers who currently have the SEAT in their zone.
4. If a SEAT is being repositioned within the RMA, the sending dispatch center should transfer the resource item in ROSS to the receiving dispatch center.
5. There will be situations where SEATs are not released each night, depending on how they were procured.

## LEAD/ASMs

1. **Unless at their home base**, LEAD/ASMs should be reassigned to the **local dispatch center's** ATB Preposition order for their current location each night.
  - a. Unless at their home base, the Lead/ASM will need a code for overnight charges if they have not flown a fire that day.
2. Requests for LEAD/ASMs should be sent to the dispatch centers who currently have the LEAD/ASM on their Tanker Base ramp.
3. They will be filled for the going fire, and once the fire is done with them, they will be released back to the local prepo order for their current location.
4. If their current location changes, a new request should be generated from that new locations local dispatch centers Air Tanker Base Preposition order.
5. If we bring LEAD/ASMs into the geographic area on the R02-FY Staging/Preposition Order, we don't leave the resource on this order. They need to be reassigned to the local dispatch center Air Tanker Base Preposition order for their current location.
  - a. They will charge their overnight costs to the GACC prepo they were brought in on until they go on a fire, then they will charge these costs to the fire.

## **Tactical Aviation Screen**

The Tactical Aviation Screen is simply many of the existing screens in Ross rolled into one. It includes the Pending Request Screen, Resource Status, Incident Resources (Release & Reassign), and Quick Fill. You need to be given the Aircraft Dispatcher role in User Accounts.

Dispatchers **can** use the Tactical Aviation Screen for:

1. **Airtankers**
2. **Lead/ASMs**
3. **Air Attack**
4. **SEATs**
5. **Helicopters**

Dispatchers **can't** use the Tactical Aviation Screen for:

1. **Smokejumpers**
2. **Frequencies**
3. **TFR**
4. **Most other Aviation Services**

(Of note: IR Requests look to be possible, but most services do not come across in the Tactical Aviation Screen.)

There is the Real World of aircraft dispatching, and there is Bizzaro World that is found within Ross, at times.

This means that the real world does not always match up with Ross, and you have to know how to deal with that.

**The "Search for Resources" Screen is a helpful screen for Aircraft Dispatching in ROSS.**

Tricks for this screen include using \* in front and behind the last 3 of tailnumber (\*88W\*) and using the A/T call sign (\*22\* or \*878\*).

**The "Search for Resources" Screen is the key screen to figure out what the aircraft's current operating base is, if it is on an incident, who is the current dispatch center, their status, etc.**

The "View Resource" tells you a lot of information including Contract Info, Assignment History, Current Location vs Current Operating Base.