

The Southern Area Multi-Agency Coordinating (SAMAC) Group members have been delegated authority by their respective agency directors to manage wildland fire operations and “all-hazard” incidents on a Geographic Area scope when fire management resource shortages are probable. The SAMAC will be activated when the Geographic Area Preparedness Level is at a 3 or above.

The delegated authorities include:

- Establish priorities of fire and ‘all-hazard’ management activities**
- Direct, control and allocate regional and national resources within the Southern Area**
- Implement decisions of the NMAC/ SACG**
- Develop geographic area strategies, including safety, risk management, and contingency plans.**
- Provide financial management coordination and oversight**
- Provide for internal and external communication protocols**

The SAMAC consists of one representative from the following agencies:

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