

## Border Emergency Crossing Flowchart

### **Determination not to cross the border could be made at any step below**

USFS/DOI fire personnel observe fire in Mexico with potential to cross the border, or a fire in the US that has backed into Mexico



If the IC determines that a border crossing is operationally beneficial, IC calls TDC with notification that the incident is beginning the approval process to cross into Mexico



IC conducts risk assessment and establishes justification for firefighters to cross into Mexico, documents decision on risk analysis sheet, and relays information to Line Officer. The Line Officer takes information from IC and makes a determination as to whether a crossing is justified and hazards are mitigated properly



Line Officer passes information to next level supervisor for final approval to cross border. If approval is given, IC will contact TDC to relay this decision, followed by: crossing location, current status of fire, names of individuals and/or equipment intending to cross, and estimated entry and departure times into/out of Mexico.



TDC notifies agency interpreter to make contact with CONAFOR. TDC then contacts US Border Patrol dispatch @ 520-748-3164, and Sandra Farber (International Programs) @ 540-659-2973



If all contacts are made and permission is given by Mexican officials, dispatch will relay to IC that it is OK to proceed into Mexico



IC or designated radio operator will maintain contact with TDC for updates on current situation at intervals no longer than 30 minutes, until all personnel are back on US soil