

***NORTHERN ROCKIES  
GEOGRAPHIC AREA***

**FIRE USE  
MANAGEMENT  
TEAM PLAN**

**2005**

## **OBJECTIVES**

The primary mission and priority of the Fire Use Management Team is to provide unit and agency managers with skilled and mobile personnel to assist with the management of Wildland Fire Use (WFU) and prescribed fires. Each FUMT offers the full range of appropriate management responses to wildland fire occurrences and large, complex prescribed fire applications with the priority given to wildland fire use and long duration suppression activities. Each team is supervised by an Incident Commander and assisted by specialists as needed to manage the incident as effectively and efficiently as possible. The Northern Rockies Coordinating Group (NRCG) will be responsible for team supervision, filling vacant positions, team member rotations and development of trainees for team positions.

The incident will be managed to ensure the safety of all public and incident personnel, with attention to Agency Administrator direction, resource values and cost accountability. Incident management will be conducted in a professional manner which exhibits a situation of control to the hosting agency and the public.

## **FIRE USE MANAGEMENT TEAM PROTOCOL**

There are two Northern Rockies Fire Use Management Teams. Teams consist of an Incident Commander (ICT2), Operations Chief (OSC2), Planning Chief (PSC2), Logistics Chief (LSC2), Safety Officer (SOF2), Information Officer (IOF2), and Long Term Fire Behavior Analyst (LTAN). In addition, teams can take three positions as determined after discussion with the ordering unit. Trainees will be in addition to the 10 positions and will be negotiated with the ordering unit, with priority given to local and adjoining unit personnel.

Additional support position needs will be negotiated with the ordering unit Line Officer at time of dispatch. The incident Dispatch Center Manager will brief the Line Officer as to available local and neighboring resources. If the additional support positions cannot be filled locally, they will then be ordered through the normal dispatch channels. Name requests will be kept to a minimum, and will be confined to highly specialized positions and those otherwise unable to be filled. Any team support orders sent to the Northern Rockies will have priority for filling from the team alternates list.

Teams may pre-identify up to four shared positions in the seven core positions, with two fully qualified individuals sharing a position.

Teams will be considered unavailable if two or more alternates are needed to fill the seven core positions listed above, or if the Incident Commander or Deputy Incident Commander are unavailable to take the team.

Team members will serve a 3-year term. If a person must be removed from the team for any reason, all involved agencies will be notified. Vacancies that occur within the teams during the incident season will be filled by qualified individuals from the alternate list enclosed in this plan.

Team members may be released from an assignment and an alternate called to fill in for such reasons as sickness, Agency Administrator commitments, or other emergencies. The Incident Commander is responsible for ascertaining team status and will notify the Geographic Area Coordination Center (GACC).

## **Incident Management Team Selection Timeline:**

**November 15** - Team needs identified prior to this date.

**November 15** - Nomination forms distributed. One Northern Rockies nomination form will be used for Type I and Type II Incident Management Teams, as well as Fire Use Management Teams.

**December 15** - Nomination forms due back to the Team Coordinators.

**February 15** - Prior to this date, Incident Commanders, Team Coordinators and the NRCG Operations Committee will meet and finalize team rosters. At this meeting the goal will be to "fill holes", address training needs, identify potential S-420 and S-520 candidates, etc.

Candidates for these teams must meet all the prerequisites of training, experience, and physical requirements, including agency specific supplemental requirements when appropriate. The basic requirements are set forth in the National Wildfire Coordinating Group Publication, "Wildland Fire Qualification Guide, 310-1".

## **FIRE USE MANAGEMENT TEAM MOBILIZATION**

There are currently seven FUMTs available nationally. One rotation schedule is maintained by the NICC and posted at <http://www/nifc.gov/news/nicc.html>. Team rotations will be on a one week basis, with three teams in on-call status for that week. The rotation will change on Mondays at 2400 MDT, with seasonal availability for all teams beginning the first Tuesday in April and running through the last Monday in October. All members on the on-call team are expected to be available for the duration of their on-call period or to arrange for a substitute ahead of time.

For a FUMT request from within the Northern Rockies geographic area, the priority order for filling will be a) the first Northern Rockies FUMT in on-call status, b) the second Northern Rockies FUMT, if available, or c) the first on-call team on the national rotation schedule.

Teams will be requested by using an Overhead Group request in ROSS. FUMT members will be identified by their home unit and will be ordered through established ordering channels. All FUMT members will also be released through established ordering channels.

During National Preparedness Levels 4 and 5, when four or more FUMTs are assigned, the NMAC will then manage any team assignments. The Interagency Fuels Committee representative will be responsible for briefing the NMAC to assure that national prioritization and critical reserve needs can be met.

A copy of the FUMT evaluation received from an incident will be forwarded by the Incident Commander to the Team Coordinator upon return from each dispatch.

A copy of "Lessons Learned" after incident report is also attached as a tool for use by the FUMTs.

## **HOW TO REQUEST A TEAM**

Team requests will be made through NRCC, who will then notify the Incident Commander. Within the Geographic Area, team members will bring their own transportation unless agreed upon otherwise. Transportation for team members for dispatches outside of the Northern Rockies Geographic Area will be coordinated by NRCC .

The Line Officer ordering the team should initially furnish the following information:

- Name and location of incident
- Resource order number
- Designated assembly point
- Estimated time of briefing
- Contact name and number for the Incident Commander to call for incident specifics and any other pertinent information.

Any additional overhead requests by the team that cannot be obtained from the local unit will be ordered by the incident dispatch office through the normal dispatch channels.

## **TEAM MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Each team member shall ensure through their supervisor and Agency Administrator that they are available for assignments during assigned on-call periods. Any periods of unavailability or substitutions will be approved by the Incident Commander.
- Teams are responsible to the Agency Administrator(s) having land ownership and protection responsibility for the land where the incident is located.
- Team members will not be excused from serving in their position except for the following reasons: sickness, line officer's commitments, or legitimate emergencies. It will be the team member's responsibility to call their Incident Commander and advise of their unavailability.
- Team members will also notify their immediate supervisor or acting each time they are dispatched.

## **TEAM COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Assist in filling of team rosters.
- Address conflicts and disciplinary actions that cannot be resolved by the Incident Commander or between the team and any other entity.
- Review the team plan and update annually.
- Forward and disseminate team related information to team members concerning meetings of interest, safety items, etc.

## **AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR (ORDERING UNIT) RESPONSIBILITIES**

The agency having responsibility for management of the area hosting the fire use incident designates the Agency Administrator. Unless other officials are appropriately designated, the Forest Supervisor (FS), Park Superintendent, BIA Superintendent, Field Office Manager (BLM) and Area Manager (State) are the Agency Administrators for the incident. During multi-agency assignments, all Agency Administrators will maintain close contact with the assigned team. The following are the responsibilities of the Agency Administrator:

- Retains ultimate responsibility for the control of the incident, including mobilization and demobilization of the resources. Provides briefing for team on arrival and debriefing on their departure. Provides team with completed initial WFIP at time of team briefing. Provides local support to teams for expanded dispatch, procurement, contracting, etc.
- Delegates authority to manage the incident to the Incident Commander and appoints a Resource Advisor to work with the team.
- Establishes and coordinates resource management objectives with the Incident Commander and assures the objectives are included in the management of the incident.
- Provides procedures for release of information to the news media and concerned public.
- Responsible for and participates in the assessment of the team performance and effectiveness.

# Northern Rockies #1 (Cook) Fire Use Management Team

2005 Primary, Trainees & Alternates

(\*\* = core team)

Team Position	Name/Unit E-mail Address	Dispatch Office/ Phone Number	Phone Numbers
ICT2/FUMA1 **	Wayne Cook MT-R01 (RMRS, FiSL)	MDC 406-829-7070	406-329-4824 (work) 406-544-1190 (cell)
ICT2(T)/FUMA1	Sid Beckman CA-STF	CA-OSC Stanislaus ECC	209-795-1381 x323 (work) 209-768-0081 (cell)
IOF2 **	Punky Moore CA-MNF	CA-ONC MNFC	530-934-3316 (work) None (cell)
IOF2 (T)	Marty O'Toole CA-SMP	CA-OSC ANCC	805-370-2364 (work) 805-501-1068 (cell)
IOF2 (T)	Chris Worth WI-CNF	EACC WI-WIC	715-373-2667 (work)
PSC2 **	Al King ID-FCP	EBC ID-BDC	208-387-5967 (work) 208-866-3662 (cell)
PSC2	Brian Eldredge ID-FCD	EBC ID-BDC	208-947-3787 (work) 208-387-5378 (fax) 208-867-2512 (pager)
PSC2	Craig Axtell UT-BRP	EBC UT-CDC	435-834-4100 (work) 435-691-8100 (cell) 435-834-4107 (fax)
OSC2 **	Bob Means WY-WSO	RMC WY-RWC	307-775-6287 (work) 307-631-4540 (cell) 307-775-6098 (fax)
OSC2	Stephen G. Jakala MN-SUF <a href="mailto:sjakala@fs.fed.us">sjakala@fs.fed.us</a>	EACC MN-MFC	218-327-4462 (work) 218-244-2933 (cell)
LSC2 **	Dale Stanley CA-SHF	CA-ONC RICC	530-623-1722 (work) None (cell)
LSC2	Bob Hurley (AD) Vernal, UT 84078	EBC UT-	None (work) 801-243-9251 (cell)
SOF2 **	Kurt Schierenbeck MN-SUF	EAC MN-MFC	218-387-1750 (work) None (cell)
SOF2	James Mattingly NE-MWP	RMC SD-GPC	402-221-4994 (work) 402-250-1233 (cell)
SOF2	Eric Kurtz (AD) Florence, MT	MDC 406-829-7070	406-544-8764 (cell)
LTAN **	Rob Seli MT-R01	MDC 406-829-7070	406-826-4330 (work) None (cell)
LTAN	Robert Ziel MI-MIS	EAC MI-	906-249-1497 (work) 906-250-3502 (cell)

**Northern Rockies #2 (Weldon) Fire Use Management Team**  
**Primary Positions**  
**1/31/05**

<b>Team Position</b>	<b>Name/Unit E-mail Address</b>	<b>Dispatch Office/ Phone Number</b>	<b>Phone Numbers</b>
ICT2	George Weldon MT-R01	MDC 406-829-7070	406-329-3296 (work) 435-790-7101 (cell)
Deputy ICT2	Rich Lasko MT- R01	MDC 406-829-7070	406-329-3232 (work) 406-370-5757 (cell)
OSC2 (shared)	Brad McBratney MT-LCF	GDC 406-731-5300	406-562-3247 (Augusta) 406-868-7416 (cell)
OSC2 (shared)	Norm Kamrud MT-LCF	GDC 406-731-5300	406-466-5341 (work) 406-899-3932 (cell)
PSC2	Larry Svalberg MT-LNF	MDC 406-829-7070	406-826-4310 (work) 406-827-2274 (cell)
LSC2 (shared)	Arne Brosten (AD) MT-FNF	FDC 406-758-5260	406-249-6898 (cell)
LSC2 (shared)	John Cates (AD)	BZC 406-587-6719	406-223-0823 (cell)
IOF2 (shared)	Jack deGolia MT-BDF	DDC 406-683-3975	406-683-3984 (office) 406-660-2347 (cell)
IOF2 (shared)	Kathy Thompson ID-CWF	CNC 208-983-4060	208-476-4541 (work)
LTAN	Kurt Werst MT-KNF	KDC 406-283-7740	406-827-0712 (work) 406-291-1181 (cell)
SOF2 (shared)	Grant Godbolt MT-BDF	DDC 406-683-3975	406-494-0242 (work)
SOF2 (shared)	Paul Mock MT-CNF	BDC 406-896-2900	406-657-6200 (work) 406-855-2430 (cell)



## What Works in Fire Management

# Lessons Learned

### After Incident Report

#### Lessons Learned, NARTC

The purpose of the After Incident Report is to identify issues that occurred on an incident and how they were resolved. The lessons learned in the report will also be used to refresh or update training curriculums. Issues and trends that are identified may have Fire Action Collection Teams assigned to them in the future for further analysis and resolution.

Incident Management Teams and Agency Administrators are asked to complete the following questionnaire for the incident(s) that they managed:

[http://www.nartc.net/after\\_incident\\_form.html](http://www.nartc.net/after_incident_form.html)

Incident Name:

Dates of  
Assignment:

Unit or  
Jurisdiction(s):

Geographic Area:

Report Submitted  
by:

1. What was the most notable success at the incident that others may learn from?

2. What were some of the most difficult challenges faced and how were they overcome?



**3. What changes, additions or deletions are recommended to various training curriculums?**

**4. What issues were not resolved to your satisfaction and need further review? Based on**

**what was learned, what is your recommendation for resolution?**

Thank you for completing the report. Others can learn from your experiences.  
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