

CHAPTER 40 - COOPERATION

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- **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR - BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION (LAW ENFORCEMENT).**
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- **INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE RESPONSE PROCESS - OPERATING PLAN FOR USDA FOREST SERVICE.** See [National Interagency Mobilization Guide](#).

- **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, ASSISTANT DIRECTORATE - RESOURCE USE & PROTECTION, OFFICE OF FIRE AND AVIATION MANAGEMENT, INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM.** See [National Interagency Mobilization Guide](#).

- 1 • **INTERAGENCY MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNITED STATES**
 2 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - FOREST SERVICE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF**
 3 **THE INTERIOR - BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, AND UNITED STATES ARMY -**
 4 **SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND.** See [National Interagency Mobilization Guide](#).

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 6 **SMOKEJUMPER AGREEMENT.** See [National Interagency Mobilization Guide](#).

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 8 • **INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF**
 9 **INTERIOR - BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF**
 10 **AGRICULTURE - FOREST SERVICE, FOR THE JOINT OPERATION OF SMOKEJUMPER**
 11 **RESOURCES.** See [National Interagency Mobilization Guide](#).

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 13 **MODULAR AIRBORNE FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEMS AGREEMENTS (MAFFS).**

14 See [National Interagency Mobilization Guide](#).

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 16 • **AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**
 17 **AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF FOREST RESOURCES AND USDA,**
 18 **FOREST SERVICE.** See [National Interagency Mobilization Guide](#).

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 20 • **AGREEMENT BETWEEN CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, CALIFORNIA**
 21 **NATIONAL GUARD, AND THE USDA, FOREST SERVICE.**

22 See [National Interagency Mobilization Guide](#).

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 24 • **AGREEMENT BETWEEN WYOMING STATE FORESTRY DIVISION AND THE USDA,**
 25 **FOREST SERVICE.** See [National Interagency Mobilization Guide](#).

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 27 **GREAT BASIN AGREEMENTS.** Successful management within the Great Basin requires close
 28 cooperation among a number of departments, agencies, and organizations, both within and outside
 29 the wildland firefighting community. Dispatchers and personnel must be knowledgeable regarding the
 30 abilities and needs of cooperators. Great Basin cooperative agreements are listed in this Chapter. It
 31 is generally most effective to handle cooperative efforts at a local level. However, if needed
 32 assistance is not available at the local level, direct the request to the Great Basin Coordination
 33 Centers.

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 35 These are Regional/State and Unit Level Agreements for assistance with other Regions/States and
 36 Agencies in adjacent geographic areas. A short summary of each agreement follows. Units will
 37 provide notice to the Geographic Area Coordination Center(s) when activation of these agreements
 38 directly affects resources that are tracked by area.

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 40 • **AGREEMENTS BETWEEN GREAT BASIN FIREFIGHTING AGENCIES/UNITS AND**
 41 **FIREFIGHTING AGENCIES/UNITS OUTSIDE THE GREAT BASIN.** The following agreements
 42 pertain to those implemented between a Great Basin Firefighting Unit/Agency (or Units/Agencies)
 43 and one or more Firefighting Unit/Agency outside the Great Basin.

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 45 ○ **USDA-FS REGION 1, REGION 4, AND REGION 6 AGREEMENT (TRI-REGION).** For rapid
 46 Initial Attack in the Snake-Salmon Fire Management Complex, it is advantageous to the three
 47 involved Regions to share resources. For smokejumpers, smokejumper aircraft, airtankers,
 48 lead planes, helicopters, helitack crews, and ground forces, orders will be placed, received,
 49 and action initiated by the Forest Dispatchers. The Great Basin Coordination Centers should
 50 be notified immediately if these resources are committed to any incident.

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 52 ○ **REGION 5 AGREEMENT.** This agreement is an annual operating plan between the
 53 following agencies: Bureau of Land Management (Carson City and Susanville Districts);
 54 Nevada Division of Forestry (Western Region); USDA- Forest Service, Region 5, Lake Tahoe
 55 Basin Management Unit and the Tahoe, Plumas, and Eldorado National Forests; USDA-
 56 Forest Service, Region 4, Toiyabe National Forest; and the Truckee Meadows (NV) Fire
 57 Protection District.

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2 The agreement permits Initial Attack or first burning period forces, airtankers, helitack, and
3 ground forces to be ordered direct regardless of Regional or State boundaries. Sending and
4 receiving units shall notify the Western Great Basin Coordination Center that forces have
5 been committed.

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7 ○ **USDA-FS REGION 1 AND REGION 4 BOUNDARY AGREEMENT.** The Salmon, Challis,
8 Targhee, Payette, and Boise National Forests in Region 4, and the Bitterroot, Beaverhead,
9 and Nez Perce National Forests in Region 1 can request direct assistance from adjacent
10 Forests as necessary to provide for exchange of Initial Attack forces, information and
11 cooperation in suppression along common boundaries.

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13 ○ **USDA-FOREST SERVICE REGION 4, REGION 5, AND REGION 6, USDI-BUREAU OF**
14 **LAND MANAGEMENT, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.**
15 This Cooperative Fire Agreement provides a level of wildland fire protection for the
16 intermingled lands equivalent to similar lands protected directly by state or federal agencies.
17 This protection is assumed by administrative units of either the federal agencies or the state.
18 (January 13, 1997).

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20 ○ **THE CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT AND STAFFORD**
21 **ACT RESPONSE AGREEMENT (CFMA) 2008 BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES**
22 **DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, CALIFORNIA AND**
23 **NEVADA; UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE,**
24 **PACIFIC-WEST FIELD AREA; UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,**
25 **FOREST SERVICE, REGION FOUR, FIVE AND SIX; AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA,**
26 **DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION.** Section IV subsection 16c
27 provides that the “State and Federal Agencies shall jointly develop local and/or Sub-
28 Geographic Operating Plans”.

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30 This agreement allows Sub Geographic Cooperative operating plans between USFS ENF,
31 HTF, TMU, TNF, BLM-CCD, NDF and Cal Fire AEU & NEU. This agreement allows for
32 sharing of resources that can be ordered direct across Regional, State and GACC
33 boundaries for Initial Attack Incidents. The agreement also allows for CALFIRE to respond
34 Initial Attack into Nevada as far East as the Hwy 395 corridor.

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36 ○ **USDA-FS, NEZ PERCE NATIONAL FOREST AND SALMON NATIONAL FOREST.** This
37 Interregional agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the Nez Perce and
38 Salmon National Forests authorizes the transfer of administrative responsibilities and
39 authority from the Nez Perce National Forest to the Salmon National Forest concerning
40 management practices of the Region 1 lands located in the Frank Church River-of-No-Return
41 Wilderness (1991).

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43 ○ **USDA-FS, NEZ PERCE NATIONAL FOREST, PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST, AND THE**
44 **WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST.** This agreement provides for the most efficient
45 and effective management of escaped wildfires requiring significant logistical support on the
46 Idaho portion of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area - No. 11-910-CT4-1 (April 24,
47 1987).

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49 ○ **WYOMING, STATE FORESTRY DIVISION; USDA FOREST SERVICE REGIONS 2 AND 4;**
50 **USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, WYOMING; NATIONAL PARK SERVICE,**
51 **INTERMOUNTAIN FIELD AREA OFFICE; BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BILLINGS**
52 **AREA OFFICE; AND THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, MOUNTAIN PRAIRIE REGION.**
53 This Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement and related operating plans document
54 agreement and commitments to fire protection assistance and cooperation between all
55 signing agencies. (April 9, 1996)

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- 1 ○ **USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, IDAHO STATE OFFICE, AND USDA-FS, REGION 1.** This is an interagency airtanker operating plan that allows Idaho Falls to order
2 an airtanker direct from West Yellowstone for Initial Attack. Upper Columbia / Salmon /
3 Clearwater District BLM may order direct from Missoula for Initial Attack within the Missoula
4 airtanker area of influence.
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- 7 ○ **USDA-FS, DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST; USDI-NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, ZION NATIONAL PARK, CEDAR BREAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT, PIPE SPRING NATIONAL MONUMENT; AND BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, CEDAR CITY DISTRICT AND ARIZONA STRIP DISTRICT.** This Southwest Utah Initial Emergency Response Interagency
8 Agreement provides a vehicle enabling coordinated emergency response and facilitates the
9 cooperative use of resources during fire or other emergencies in the southwest Utah and
10 northwest Arizona area across the geographic boundaries of the Great Basin and the
11 Southwest Regions.
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- 14 ○ **USDA-FS, DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST; USDI-NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, ZION NATIONAL PARK; AND BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, CEDAR CITY DISTRICT AND ARIZONA STRIP DISTRICT.** This Interagency Helicopter Agreement sets forth the
15 responsibilities for the management, funding, and utilization of a helicopter crew and contract,
16 hereafter referred to as the Color Country Interagency Helitack program within the jurisdiction
17 of the Dixie National Forest; Arizona Strip District; Cedar City District; and Zion National Park.
18 It was also implemented to increase the level and efficiency of wildland protection and other
19 emergencies.
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- 22 ○ **USDI-BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, ARIZONA STRIP AND CEDAR CITY FIELD OFFICES; BRYCE CANYON AND ZION NATIONAL PARKS; GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA; SOUTHERN PAIUTE BIA FIELD STATION; USDA-FS, DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST REGION 4 AND KAIBAB NATIONAL FOREST REGION 3.** For rapid
23 Initial Attack in the north Kaibab NF area, it is advantageous to the two involved Regions to
24 share resources. For smokejumpers, smokejumper aircraft, airtankers, lead planes,
25 helicopters, helitack crews, and ground forces, orders will be placed, received, and action
26 initiated by the Forest Dispatchers. The Great Basin Coordination Centers should be notified
27 immediately if these resources are committed to any incident.
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- 30 ○ **USDI-BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT IN COLORADO, UTAH, WYOMING, AND IDAHO.** This Memorandum of Understanding provides mutual assistance of personnel,
31 equipment, supplies, and aircraft for Initial Attack, extended attack pre-positioning, technical
32 assistance, training, prevention, detection, trespass, and investigation for fire suppression
33 between adjacent districts across state boundaries
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- 35 ○ **THE GREATER YELLOWSTONE AREA: USDA-FS, BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST, BRIDGER-TETON NATIONAL FOREST, CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST, GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST, SHOSHONE NATIONAL FOREST, TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST AND NPS, GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK.** This
36 Interagency Fire Management is to establish specific operating procedures for the
37 coordination and management of various fire activities including: Wildland Fire Use, Wildfires,
38 Management Ignited Prescribed Fires on common boundaries, Fire Training and Prevention.
39 Units may directly exchange resources utilizing the closest forces concept (April 26, 1995).
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- 41 ○ **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GREAT BASIN COORDINATING GROUP AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN COORDINATING GROUP.** The Great Basin and Rocky
42 Mountain Coordinating Groups agreed to join in the management and utilization of the Type I
43 Incident Management Teams and Buying Teams for the two geographic areas (February 7,
44 1995).
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- 1 ○ **IDAHO COOPERATIVE FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT: USDI- BUREAU OF LAND**
2 **MANAGEMENT IDAHO, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION,**
3 **BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS PORTLAND AREA, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE**
4 **PACIFIC REGION; USDA - FS REGION 1, 4 & 6; AND THE STATE OF IDAHO**
5 **DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.** This Cooperative Agreement’s purpose is to cooperate in fire
6 prevention, preparedness, suppression, and all-hazard of mutual advantage to all
7 participating agencies (April 17, 1996).
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- 9 ○ **INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COLORADO STATE OFFICE BUREAU OF**
10 **LAND MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND THE USDA-FS REGIONS**
11 **2 & 4.** This agreement provides a basis to implement the “closest forces” concept for the
12 movement of resources across State and Region jurisdictional boundaries of the adjacent
13 Forests of Eastern Utah and the Forests, and/or BLM Districts of Western Colorado in all
14 aspects of wildland fire management, through the Grand Junction Air Center, located in
15 Grand Junction, Colorado. (1987)
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- 17 ○ **FIRE SUPPRESSION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, COLORADO-UTAH-**
18 **WYOMING-IDAHO, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT.** This MOU is between the State
19 Directors of Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, and Idaho to promote natural resource enhancement
20 and protection through the proper suppression and application of fire on public lands
21 administered by Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, and Idaho.
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- 23 ○ **INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN USDA FOREST SERVICE - PAYETTE**
24 **NATIONAL FOREST AND USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT - VALE DISTRICT.**
25 The purpose of this agreement is to provide cooperation involving Initial Attack fire
26 suppression resources between the Forest Service and the BLM. It is mutually advantageous
27 to both the BLM and the Forest Service to coordinate their efforts in the detection and
28 suppression of wildfires in a highly inaccessible area adjacent to Hell’s Canyon, utilizing
29 closest forces.
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- 31 ● **AGREEMENTS AMONG GREAT BASIN FIREFIGHTING AGENCIES / UNITS.** The following
32 agreements pertain to those implemented among Great Basin Firefighting Unit/Agency (or
33 Units/Agencies).
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- 35 ○ **BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS-PHOENIX AREA OFFICE AND USDI-BUREAU OF LAND**
36 **MANAGEMENT, STATE OFFICES OF NEVADA AND UTAH.** This interagency agreement
37 provides for mutual assistance and support of Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Land
38 Management fire control and related activities (March 11, 1985).
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- 40 ○ **BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND USDA-FS, REGION 4.** This cooperative agreement
41 authorizes mutual control action on Bureau of Indian Affairs land and National Forest -
42 Region 4 lands within the states of Utah and Nevada - (No. 22-14 (1967)).
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- 44 ○ **COOPERATIVE FIRE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN USDI BUREAU OF**
45 **LAND MANAGEMENT-UTAH, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE INTERMOUNTAIN REGION,**
46 **BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE, BUREAU OF INDIAN**
47 **AFFAIRS SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS**
48 **NAVAJO REGIONAL OFFICE, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE MOUNTIAN AND**
49 **PRAIRIE REGION, USDA-FS INTERMOUNTIAN REGION, AND THE STATE OF UTAH**
50 **DIVISION OF FORESTRY, FIRE & STATE LANDS.** This cooperative agreement’s purpose
51 is to cooperate in fire prevention, pre-suppression, and suppression of mutual advantage to
52 all participating agencies. (2001)
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- 54 ○ **USDA-FS, DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST & USDI-BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, LAS**
55 **VEGAS DISTRICT.** This Interagency agreement sets forth the responsibilities for the
56 cooperative management of a mutual Initial Attack fire management system on adjacent
57 lands, within the jurisdictions of the Dixie National Forest and the BLM Las Vegas District.

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- **COOPERATIVE FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN USDI, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, NEVADA; USDA-FS, REGIONS 4 & 5; & STATE OF NEVADA, DIVISION OF FORESTRY.** This Cooperative Agreement's purpose is to cooperate in fire prevention, preparedness, and suppression of mutual advantage to all participating agencies (2005).
 - **USDI-BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND USDA-Forest Service.** The USDA-Forest Service maintains a fire protection organization for National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands within designated National Forest protection districts. This Agreement states method of payment to USFS from BLM. This agreement was updated in July 1991, to designate which offices have coordination responsibilities for designated geographic areas and resources - No. 22-6 (June 27, 1963).
 - **USDA-FS, BOISE NATIONAL FOREST AND PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST; USDI-BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, BOISE DISTRICT; IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, SOUTHWESTERN AREA; AND SOUTHERN IDAHO TIMBER PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (TPS).** This Mutual Agreement is between the Forest Supervisors of the Boise and Payette National Forests, the District Manager of the Boise District BLM, the Area Supervisor of Southwestern Supervisory Area of the Idaho Department of Lands, and the Chief Fire Warden of TPS. All fires detected on cooperating agency lands will be reported through proper channels to the agency with Initial Attack responsibility and to the agency having jurisdictional responsibility (May 1, 1991).
 - **EASTERN IDAHO INTERAGENCY FIRE COOPERATORS: USDA-FS, BRIDGER-TETON NATIONAL FOREST, CARIBOU NATIONAL FOREST, CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST, SALMON NATIONAL FOREST, SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST; USDI-BLM, (UPPER SNAKE RIVER-EASTERN DISTRICT, UPPER SNAKE RIVER, SOUTH-CENTRAL DISTRICT); BIA, FT. HALL AGENCY; FWS, SOUTHEAST COMPLEX; NPS, GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, CRATERS OF THE MOON NATIONAL MONUMENT, AND THE STATE OF IDAHO, DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, THE STATE OF UTAH, DIVISION OF SOVEREIGN LANDS AND FORESTRY.** This interagency fire agreement establishes operating procedures for the coordination and management of various fire activities including: Wildfires, Management Ignited Prescribed Fires, Preparedness, Fire Training and Prevention. Units may directly exchange resources utilizing the closest forces concept (1995),
 - **MOAB INTERAGENCY FIRE COOPERATORS: USDA-MANTI-LASAL NATIONAL FOREST, BLM-MOAB DISTRICT, NPS-CANYON LANDS AND ARCHES NATIONAL PARKS, AND NATURAL BRIDGES NATIONAL MONUMENT.** This interagency fire agreement establishes operating procedures for the movement of resources across State and Regional jurisdictional boundaries of the adjacent protected lands of Eastern Utah and Western Colorado in all aspects of wildland fire management utilizing the "closest forces" concept. Agencies agree to cooperate in the full spectrum of wildland fire management activities and to facilitate the request and movement of fire resources and supplies during an emergency.
 - **USDA FOREST SERVICE - BOISE NATIONAL FOREST, USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT - VALE DISTRICT AND BOISE DISTRICT.** The purpose of this Interagency Agreement is to establish a cooperative fire protection arrangement between the BLM and the Forest Service to facilitate the timely and efficient use of the closest fire suppression resources.

1 • **AGREEMENTS BETWEEN GREAT BASIN FIREFIGHTING AGENCIES AND OTHER**
 2 **FEDERAL (NON-FIREFIGHTING) AGENCIES.**

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- 4 ○ **USDA-FOREST SERVICE AND USDI-BUREAU OF RECLAMATION.** This agreement
 5 provides for cooperative fire protection of reclamation withdrawn and acquired land located
 6 outside National Forest boundaries but within established fire protection districts - No. 22-21
 7 (June 1970).
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- 9 ○ **FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) AND USDA-FS REGION 4 AGREEMENT.**
 10 This agreement outlines procedures and responsibilities for temporary airport traffic control
 11 tower services for USDA-FS firefighting activities. This agreement is supplemental to the
 12 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Interagency Coordination Center
 13 (NICC) Agreement of August 18, 1969. The Great Basin Coordination Centers will keep a
 14 copy of the agreement.
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- 16 ○ **NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE.** For the Great Basin Area, see the United States
 17 Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within your
 18 geographic area.

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20 • **WESTERN GREAT BASIN COORDINATION CENTER AND EASTERN GREAT BASIN**
 21 **COORDINATION CENTER.** The Western Great Basin Coordination Center (WGBCC)
 22 coordinates the utilization of all resources within the state of Nevada, as well as those resources
 23 located in the part of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest located in California, Lake Mead
 24 National Recreation Area located in Arizona, and the Boise BLM Smokejumpers located in Idaho.
 25 The Eastern Great Basin Coordination Center (EGBCC) coordinates the utilization of all
 26 resources within the State of Utah, as well as those resources located in the States of Wyoming
 27 and Idaho administered by USDA-FS, Region 4.

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29 Coordination calls between WGBCC and EGBCC shall be placed at least once daily and/or
 30 whenever the fire situation changes. WGBCC and EGBCC can order, receive, and fill resources
 31 for any incident in the Great Basin without going through the National Interagency Coordination
 32 Center (NICC). See Chapters 10 and 20 for specific procedures.

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34 • **PRESCOTT CACHE AGREEMENT.**

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36 This agreement now includes the Moab Interagency Fire Center within the Memorandum of
 37 Understanding

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39 Ordering of Cache Supplies from Great Basin units to Prescott Cache

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41 Procedures and requirements for providing emergency support from the National Interagency
 42 Support Cache (NISC) at Prescott, Arizona to the Las Vegas District BLM, Ely District BLM,
 43 Cedar City District BLM, Richfield District BLM, Fishlake National Forest, Spring Mountains
 44 National Recreation Area, Dixie National Forest, Great Basin National Park, Zion National Park,
 45 Bryce Canyon National Park, Capital Reef National Park, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area,
 46 Southern Paiute Field Station, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Nevada Division of Forestry
 47 (Southern Region) and Utah Division of State Lands and Forestry (Central and Southwest Areas).

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49 Dispatch Centers with authority to order supplies directly from the Prescott Cache include: Las
 50 Vegas Interagency Communications Center, Ely Interagency Communications Center, Cedar City
 51 Interagency Fire Center and Richfield Interagency Fire Center.

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53 I. Purpose

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55 The purpose of this agreement is to enhance National Interagency Incident Management
 56 System and Incident Command System operations. Operations are enhanced through
 57 program cost savings realized by better use of NFES resources, simplified ordering

1 procedures, continued use of the closest forces concept, timely return of incident resources,
2 and definitive procedures for problem identification and resolution.
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4 II. Objective
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6 This agreement will provide the basis and guidance for operations and procedures within the
7 agencies and their subdivisions. This agreement will address Supply orders (Initial Attack,
8 Extended Attack and Emergency Restock) only. All other orders will be made in accordance
9 with the current National Mobilization Plan.
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11 III. Procedures
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13 A. Ordering Authorities
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- 15 1. The dispatch offices representing the agencies named above may place orders
16 directly with the National Interagency Support Cache at Prescott, Arizona. If the
17 Prescott Cache is unable to fill the orders, the local dispatch office will place the order
18 with the Great Basin Cache in Boise. If the Great Basin Cache cannot fill the order,
19 then the local dispatch office will place the order with the appropriate coordination
20 center, who will place the order with the National Interagency Coordination Center
21 (NICC). In such cases, NICC will be informed that the Prescott Cache has already
22 been contacted and is unable to fill the order.
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- 24 2. Great Basin Coordination Centers retain the option to allow dispatch centers to place
25 orders direct to the Prescott Cache or require them to place orders through
26 appropriate Great Basin Coordination Center in an overload situation.
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28 B. Resource orders and returns
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- 30 1. Orders to the National Interagency Support Cache at Prescott, Arizona, can be
31 originated only by approved dispatch centers.
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- 33 2. Resource orders must contain:
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 - 35 a. A USFS management code (P code).
 - 36 b. Realistic date and time required.
 - 37 c. Consolidated requests. Order by standard packs/units of issue as identified in
38 NFES catalog.
 - 39 d. Transportation/delivery instructions.
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 - 41 e. Additional special instructions or requirements.
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 - 43 f. Orders should be limited to NFES items identified in the NFES Catalog as
44 available from the Prescott Cache. The Cache will provide availability
45 information as requested by ordering units.
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- 47 3. Returns should be sent to the National Interagency Support Cache that is closest to
48 the incident. All returns should be clearly marked so that the incident they are being
49 returned from is identified.
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- 51 4. All orders should be sent via facsimile to the National Interagency Support Cache at
52 Prescott, Arizona.
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54 Prescott Cache: Fax: 928-771-6123
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2 5. If the Cache office is not open, emergency calls should be referred to the after hours
3 phone list or the appropriate coordination center. Prescott Cache Manager
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5 C. NFES Mobile Support Cache Vans
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- 7 1. All cache vans belonging to Prescott Cache that are prepositioned into the Great
8 Basin will be ordered through the appropriate coordination center.
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10 2. Any time a cache van is committed to an incident, a resource order must be used to
11 notify the appropriate coordination center and the Prescott Cache of the status and
12 new location. Committed cache vans will be tracked via this order until they are
13 refurbished and returned to their prepositioning location. A replacement cache van
14 may be moved into position to replace the committed van, based on discussions with
15 the Cache Manager, appropriate coordination center and local dispatch center.
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17 3. The National Interagency Support Cache at Prescott, Arizona will have a
18 predetermined number of cache vans available by May 1.
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20 4. Local units must be aware of their responsibilities in the use of these vans and how to
21 return them. Regardless of origin (Great Basin Cache, Prescott Cache, etc.), cache
22 vans should be returned to the closest National Cache location for refurbishment
23 after being used. Unused vans should be returned to their original pre-positioning
24 locations unless other arrangements have been approved by the cache manager and
25 coordinated with the appropriate coordination center.
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27 D. National Interagency Support Cache responsibilities
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- 29 1. The Cache will provide confirmation of resource order receipt and transmit shipping
30 information directly to the ordering office.
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32 2. The Cache section will resolve problems directly with the ordering office. Any
33 changes in the resource order (e.g., exact quantity ordered cannot be shipped) must
34 be relayed back to the ordering office promptly.
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36 E. General Considerations.
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- 38 1. Multiple orders must be prioritized by the ordering office. Geographic Area priorities
39 will be established by the EGBCC and WGBCC, or by the Great Basin MAC Group
40 (when activated). Priorities will be communicated to the Prescott Cache Manager on
41 an as-needed basis. Area priority conflicts will be resolved by the Center
42 Coordinators. Priorities may be mitigated by National priorities established by NICC.
43 Great Basin Coordination Centers will provide copies of their Situation Reports to the
44 Prescott Cache.
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46 2. The Prescott Cache Manager will notify the Great Basin Coordination Centers when
47 there may be competition for NFES resources between the geographic areas, or
48 when the Cache is nearing drawdown levels due to activity in the Southwest Area.
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50 3. Problems should be identified and resolved as they occur, at the operational level.
51 Problems not resolved will be referred to the appropriate coordination center and
52 Cache Manager at the NISC.
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54 4. This Agreement will be in effect until revoked by either of the Coordinating Groups
55 signing the Agreement. Substantial changes to this Agreement will require the
56 drafting of a new Agreement, with new signatures from both Coordinating Groups.
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1 **INTERAGENCY FACILITIES.** Each of these Interagency Facilities has agreements specifying
2 operating plans for their jurisdictional area. Great Basin Coordination Centers shall be furnished with
3 a current copy of agreements.
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- 5 • **SIERRA FRONT INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER (SFIDC).** The Sierra Front Interagency
6 Dispatch Center is located in Minden, Nevada, and is comprised of the following cooperating
7 agencies:
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9 BLM: Carson City Field Office

10 FS: Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

11 State: Nevada Division of Forestry, Western Region, Southern Region and NDF State Office

12 BIA: Western Nevada Agency
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- 14 • **ELKO INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER (EIDC).** The Elko Interagency Dispatch Center is
15 located in Elko, Nevada, and is comprised of the following cooperating agencies:
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17 BLM: Elko Field Office

18 FS: Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

19 State: Nevada Division of Forestry, Northern Region

20 Tribe: Duck Valley Tribe
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- 22 • **ELY INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (EICC).** The Ely Interagency
23 Communication Center is located in Ely, Nevada, and is comprised of the following cooperating
24 agencies:
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26 BLM: Ely Field Office

27 FS: Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

28 NPS: Great Basin National Park
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- 30 • **LAS VEGAS COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (LVICC).** The Las Vegas Interagency
31 Communication Center is located in North Las Vegas, Nevada, and is comprised of the following
32 cooperating agencies:
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34 BLM: Las Vegas Field Office

35 FS: Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

36 NPS: Lake Mead National Recreation Area
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- 38 • **CENTRAL NEVADA INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER (CNIDC).** The Central Nevada
39 Interagency Dispatch Center is located in Winnemucca, Nevada, and is comprised of the
40 following cooperating agencies:
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42 BLM: Winnemucca Field Office and Battle Mountain Field Office

43 FS: Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

44 BIA: Fort McDermitt Reservation-Western Nevada Agency
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- 46 • **COLOR COUNTRY INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER (CCIFC).** The Color Country Interagency
47 Fire Center is located in Cedar City, Utah, and is comprised of the following cooperating
48 agencies:
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50 BLM: Cedar City District, Arizona Strip Field Office

51 NPS: Zion & Bryce Canyon National Parks

52 FS: Dixie National Forest

53 State: Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, Southwest Area
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- 1 • **RICHFIELD INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER (RIFC).** The Richfield Interagency Fire Center is
2 located in Richfield, Utah, and is comprised of the following cooperating agencies:
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- 4 BLM: Richfield Field Office, Fillmore Field Office
5 FS: Fishlake, Manti/LaSal National Forests (Sanpete Ranger District)
6 State: Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, Central Area
7 NPS: Capitol Reef National Park
8 BIA: Southern Paiute Field Station
9 FWS: Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge
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- 11 • **MOAB INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER (MIFC).** The Moab Interagency Fire Center is located in
12 Moab, Utah and is comprised of the following cooperating agencies:
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- 14 BLM: Moab Field Office,
15 NPS: Canyon Lands & Arches National Parks, Hovenweep & Natural Bridges National
16 Monuments
17 FS: Manti-LaSal National Forest
18 State: Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, Southeast Area
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- 20 • **NORTHERN UTAH INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER (NUIFC).** The Northern Utah Interagency
21 Fire Center is located in Salt Lake City, UT and is comprised of the following cooperating
22 agencies:
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- 24 BLM: Salt Lake Field Office, Utah State Office
25 FS: Wasatch Cache, Uinta Forest, Intermountain Regional Office
26 State: State of Utah, Wasatch Front & Bear River, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire State Lands
27 NPS: Golden Spike National Historic Site, Timpanogos Cave National Monument
28 FWS: Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
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- 30 • **UINTAH BASIN INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER (UBIFC).** The Uintah Basin Interagency Fire
31 Center is located in Vernal, Utah, and is comprised of the following cooperating agencies:
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- 33 BIA: Uintah-Ouray Agency
34 BLM: Vernal District
35 FS: Ashley National Forest
36 State: Utah Division of State Lands and Forestry, Mountain lands Area
37 FWS: Ouray National Wildlife Refuge
38 NPS: Dinosaur National Monument
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- 40 • **CENTRAL IDAHO INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER (CIIFC).** The Central Idaho Interagency Fire
41 Center is located in Salmon, Idaho, and is comprised of the following cooperating agencies:
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- 43 BLM: Idaho Falls District
44 FS: Salmon and Challis National Forests
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- 46 • **BOISE DISPATCH CENTER (BDC).** The Boise Dispatch Center is located in Boise, Idaho, and
47 is comprised of the following cooperating agencies:
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- 49 FS: Boise National Forest
50 State: Idaho Department of Lands, Southwest Idaho District
51 BLM: Boise District
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- 1 • **EASTERN IDAHO INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER (EIIFC).** The Eastern Idaho Interagency Fire
2 Center is located in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and is comprised of the following cooperating agencies:
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- 4 BLM: Idaho Falls District
5 BIA: Fort Hall Agency
6 FS: Caribou and Targhee National Forests
7 FWS: Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge
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- 9 • **TETON INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER (TIDC).** The Teton Interagency Dispatch Center
10 is located in Moose, Wyoming, and is comprised of the following cooperating agencies:
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- 12 NPS: Grand Teton National Park
13 FS: Bridger-Teton National Forest
14 State: Wyoming State Forestry Division, Western Wyoming Counties
15 FWS: National Elk Refuge
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- 17 • **SOUTH CENTRAL IDAHO INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER (SCIIDC).** The South Central
18 Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center is located in Shoshone, Idaho, and is comprised of the
19 following cooperating agencies:
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- 21 USFS: Sawtooth National Forest
22 DOD: Mountain Home Air Force Base
23 BLM: Twin Falls District
24 BOR: Snake River Area Office-East
25 NPS: Craters of the Moon National Monument, City of Rocks National Reserve, Hagerman
26 FossilBeds National Monument, Minidoka Internment Camp National Monument
27 FWS: Hagerman National Fish Hatchery, Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge
28 State: Idaho Department of Lands, South Central Area Office
29 IPS: Billingsly Creek State Park, Box Canyon State Park, Castle Rock State Park, Crystal
30 Springs State Park, Malad Gorge State Park, Niagra Springs State Park
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1 **INITIAL ATTACK/PRE-SUPPORT MUTUAL ASSISTANCE MOU.** Under the guidelines outlined in
2 the Great Basin Mobilization Guide, Page 20 - 4 / Line 17, the following units may obtain assistance
3 directly from the units indicated:
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5 **Idaho/Wyoming Zone**

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7 **Boise Dispatch Center**

8 Payette National Forest Dispatch
9 South Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center
10 Central Idaho Interagency Fire Center
11 Elko Interagency Dispatch Center
12 Vale Dispatch
13 Boise Smokejumpers
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15 **Central Idaho Interagency Fire Center**

16 Boise Dispatch Center
17 Eastern Idaho Interagency Fire Center
18 South Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center
19 Payette National Forest Dispatch
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21 **Eastern Idaho Interagency Fire Center**

22 South Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center
23 Central Idaho Interagency Fire Center
24 Teton Interagency Dispatch Center
25 Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center
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27 **Payette Dispatch Center**

28 Boise Dispatch Center
29 Central Idaho Interagency Fire Center
30 South Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center
31 Clearwater-Nez Perce Dispatch
32 Northeast Oregon Interagency Dispatch
33 Vale Dispatch
34 Boise Smokejumpers
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36 **South Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center**

37 Boise Dispatch Center
38 Eastern Idaho Interagency Fire Center
39 Central Idaho Interagency Fire Center
40 Payette National Forest Dispatch
41 Elko Interagency Dispatch Center
42 Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center
43 Boise Smokejumpers
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45 **Teton Interagency Dispatch Center**

46 Eastern Idaho Interagency Fire Center
47 Cody Interagency Dispatch Center
48 Bozeman Interagency Dispatch Center
49 Rawlins Interagency Dispatch Center
50 Casper Interagency Dispatch Center
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- 1 **Nevada Zone**
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- 3 **Central Nevada Interagency Dispatch Center**
- 4 Sierra Front Interagency Dispatch Center
- 5 Elko Interagency Dispatch Center
- 6 Las Vegas Interagency Communications Center
- 7 Burns Dispatch
- 8 Vale Dispatch
- 9 Ely Interagency Communication Center
- 10 Boise Smokejumpers
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- 12 **Elko Interagency Dispatch Center**
- 13 Ely Interagency Communications Center
- 14 Central Nevada Interagency Dispatch Center
- 15 South Central Interagency Dispatch Center
- 16 Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center
- 17 Boise Dispatch Center
- 18 Boise Smokejumpers
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- 20 **Ely Interagency Communication Center**
- 21 Elko Interagency Dispatch Center
- 22 Las Vegas Interagency Communications Center
- 23 Central Nevada Interagency Dispatch Center
- 24 Richfield Interagency Fire Center
- 25 Color Country Interagency Fire Center
- 26 Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center
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- 28 **Las Vegas Interagency Communication Center**
- 29 Ely Interagency Communications Center
- 30 Color Country Interagency Fire Center
- 31 Central Nevada Interagency Dispatch Center
- 32 Sierra Front Interagency Dispatch Center (NV-NSS resources only)
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- 34 **Sierra Front Interagency Dispatch Center**
- 35 Central Nevada Interagency Dispatch Center
- 36 Camino Interagency Dispatch Center
- 37 Grass Valley Emergency Operations Center
- 38 Owens Valley Emergency Operations Center
- 39 Plumas Dispatch
- 40 Susanville Interagency Dispatch Center
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- 1 **Utah Zone**
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- 3 **Uintah Basin Interagency Fire Center**
- 4 Richfield Interagency Fire Center
- 5 Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center
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- 7 **Richfield Interagency Fire Center**
- 8 Color Country Interagency Fire Center
- 9 Ely Interagency Communications Center (informal agreement)
- 10 Moab Interagency Fire Center
- 11 Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center
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- 13 **Moab Interagency Fire Center**
- 14 Richfield Interagency Fire Center
- 15 Uintah Basin Interagency Fire Center
- 16 Color Country Interagency Fire Center
- 17 Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center
- 18 Grand Junction Air Center
- 19 Grand Junction Interagency Fire Center
- 20 Montrose Interagency Dispatch Center
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- 22 **Color Country Interagency Fire Center**
- 23 Richfield Interagency Fire Center
- 24 Las Vegas Interagency Communications Center
- 25 Moab Interagency Fire Center
- 26 Ely Interagency Communications Center
- 27 Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center
- 28 Elko Interagency Dispatch Center
- 29 Williams Interagency Dispatch Center
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- 31 **Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center**
- 32 Uintah Basin Interagency Fire Center
- 33 Color Country Interagency Fire Center
- 34 Moab Interagency Fire Center
- 35 Richfield Interagency Fire Center
- 36 Ely Interagency Dispatch Center
- 37 Elko Interagency Dispatch Center
- 38 South Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center
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1 **REGULAR MILITARY AGREEMENTS.** The United States Department of Agriculture, the United
2 States Department of Interior, and the Department of Defense have agreements for all military
3 assistance. The Great Basin shall request assistance from the military through NICC only after the
4 Coordinator's clearance.

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6 Requests from Dispatchers to a Great Basin Coordination Center for military assistance, including
7 fuel (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, Marines, or National Guard), will be documented on a
8 resource order. Requests will not be made until all civilian resources of the type needed have been
9 committed. See the Military Use Handbook, NFES #2175, for detailed information concerning use of
10 the military on wildfires.

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12 **STATE GUARD AGREEMENTS.** Requests from Dispatchers to the Great Basin Coordination
13 Center for military assistance, including fuel (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, Marines, or
14 National Guard), will be documented on a resource order. Requests will not be made until all civilian
15 resources of the type needed have been committed. See the Military Use Handbook for detailed
16 information concerning use of the military on wildfires.

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18 • **UTAH NATIONAL GUARD AND THE UTAH STATE FORESTER.** A Wildland Fire Control
19 Agreement exists between the Utah National Guard and the Utah State Forester who may be
20 called upon to assist Federal agencies within the state with wildland fires originating on Federal
21 lands. The state of Utah may need to show reasonable commitment of state firefighting
22 resources, including National Guard resources, in order to obtain further Federal assistance in
23 wildland fire control.
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25 • **IDAHO NATIONAL GUARD.** The Idaho National Guard will honor requests made only through
26 the IDL State Fire Coordinator. Idaho Units will request assistance from the Eastern Great Basin
27 Coordination Center who will then contact the IDL State Fire Coordinator.
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29 • **NEVADA NATIONAL GUARD.** The Nevada National Guard will honor requests via the Western
30 Great Basin Coordination Center and through the Nevada Division of Forestry.
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32 • **WYOMING NATIONAL GUARD.** Units within Wyoming will order through the Cody Interagency
33 Dispatch Center. Notification will be made to Eastern Great Basin Coordination Center.
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35 • **CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD.** National Guard resources of the State of California are
36 allocated by requests to the California Division of Forestry in Sacramento, California. Orders are
37 subject to the approval of the Governor of California. All orders should be placed via established
38 dispatch channels
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