

CHAPTER 70 - EQUIPMENT / SUPPLIES

NATIONAL INCIDENT RADIO SUPPORT CACHE (NIRSC). See National Incident Radio Support Cache User's Guide (NFES 000968), or the NWCG National Fire Equipment System Catalogs: Part 1: Fire Supplies and Equipment (NFES 000362), Incident Communications Section.

- **GREAT BASIN RADIO CACHES.**

- **NEVADA RADIO CACHE.** Each unit is responsible for procuring, maintaining, and accounting for sufficient radio equipment to meet their initial attack fire and aviation management needs.

NATIONAL CONTRACT MOBILE FOOD SERVICES AND SHOWER FACILITIES.

See National Interagency Mobilization Guide, Chapter 20, Page 29.

INCIDENT / PROJECT REMOTE AUTOMATED WEATHER STATIONS

(IRAWS - NFES 005869 / PRAWS - NFES 005870). See National Interagency Mobilization Guide.

ENGINES AND WATER TENDERS. See National Interagency Mobilization Guide.

- **PRIVATE ENGINES AND WATERTENDERS.**

The following principles and guidelines are set forth to establish some consistency within the Great Basin with regard to the hiring, dispatching and use of private sector engines and water tenders. These principles and guidelines are established with the following objectives:

- Promote the use of closest forces.
- Promote the cost effective use of agency and private sector resources.
- Ensure that the necessary preseason work is accomplished to facilitate efficient use of private resources during fire season.

The guiding principle in dispatching engines and water tenders to an incident is the use of the closest forces concept. If agency resources (Federal, State, County, etc.) have been exhausted within a local area, Private Engines and Water Tenders may be ordered. For the purpose of engine and water tender dispatching, "local area" is defined as the geographic area serviced by a dispatch center, plus adjacent areas with which local agencies have written agreements.

When it is determined that private engines and water tenders will be used within a local area, the requirements of preseason Emergency Equipment Rental Agreements (EERA's) will govern the contractor's responsibilities during dispatch (for Federal jurisdiction incidents). A Federal Contracting Officer can sign up equipment that meets the specifications and inspection requirements if needed, at any time. State agencies have varying procedures and authorities for hiring private equipment. Buying Teams involved in hiring equipment for State incidents are encouraged to consult agency-specific guides or appropriate State personnel.

The importance of local Service and Supply Plans cannot be overstated. These plans need to be completed prior to the onset of fire season, and there should be multiple copies available for local dispatch centers, Geographical Area Coordination Centers, expanded dispatch and in-coming Buying Teams. Every effort should be expended to ensure that the maximum number of vendors with the appropriate types of equipment are signed up on preseason EERA's.

- **GREAT BASIN INTERAGENCY EMERGENCY FIRE CONTRACTOR COORDINATOR.**

The Great Basin Interagency Emergency Fire Contractor Coordinator (EFCC) works directly for the Intermountain Regional Fire Equipment Contracting Officer, under the charter from the Great Basin Coordinating group.

- 1 · Provides fire contracting support within the Great Basin geographic area including Forest Service,
2 Intermountain Region 4, and Bureau of Land Management, Idaho, Nevada, and Utah.
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- 4 · Coordinates and/or conducts inspections and reviews of contractor equipment, and personnel
5 qualifications ensuring compliance to contracts and NWCG standards.
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- 7 · Performs site visits after coordinating with local dispatch centers and fire management personnel
8 to identify and evaluate contractor performance or other issues conducting formal and informal
9 communications with MAC groups, State Fire Management Officers, Incident Management
10 Teams or local Fire Management officials.
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- 12 · Acts as representative for the Great Basin Geographic Area in national policy and procedural
13 discussions as it relates to fire equipment and contract training.
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- 15 · Will follow up with local Fire Management Officers and Incident Management Teams by providing
16 written feedback regarding site visits addressing specific issues and recommendations.
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18 **GREAT BASIN MOBILE CACHE SUPPORT VANS AND PORTABLE CAMPS.** See Table below for
19 Great Basin cache van locations and specifications. Order NFES 008667 for GBK van configurations
20 customized for Great Basin use. Contents of NFES 008667 can be obtained from GBK. (All trailer
21 electrical systems will be 12 volt with standard ICC seven prong plug configuration and wired to DOT
22 standards.)

23 • **CACHE VAN LOCATIONS.**

State	Location	Number	Size	Type
IDAHO	GBK	2		Great Basin
	Salmon	1		Great Basin
	Idaho Falls	1		Great Basin
NEVADA	Winnemucca	1		Great Basin
	Reno	1	150	Local
	Carson City	1		Great Basin
	Elko	1		Great Basin
	Ely	1		Great Basin
	Las Vegas	1		Great Basin
UTAH	Moab	1		Great Basin
	Salt Lake City	1		Great Basin
	Richfield	1		Great Basin

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- 26 • **CAMPS.** Two 100-person camps are stored in McCall, Idaho, and pre-rigged for aerial delivery upon
27 request. These camps can be airborne within two (2) hours of receiving the order. The camps are
28 designed to facilitate the initial set-up of a remote camp and manage 100 firefighters for the first shift.
29 Firefighting equipment and supplies, such as tools, food, and water are not included. Those items
30 must be ordered separately.

- AERIAL DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES.** The McCall and Boise Smokejumper bases are capable of delivering nearly all types of equipment. Special requests can usually be airborne within several hours. Many items, such as power saws, pumps, hose, and fuel, are pre-rigged and ready for immediate dispatch.

Other cargo delivery needs can be met by moving the cargo aircraft, equipped with cargo rigging materials, chutes, and cargo kicking crew to any location with a suitable runway. The cargo can then be rigged and loaded on the aircraft for delivery. McCall operates a DC-3 with 4000-5000 lb. capacity, and a Twin Otter with 2500-3500 lb. capacity. Boise BLM operates a Twin Otter with a 2500-3500 lb. capacity.

HAND HELD INFRARED SYSTEMS. Many units will not release their equipment without their trained operators accompanying the equipment. Equipment and operators can be ordered through normal dispatch channels (order equipment and operator on separate resource orders). The following lists hand held equipment and its location within the Great Basin.

Probeye with Operator (1)	Boise NF
EV's with operator (2)	Boise NF
Inframetrics with operator (1)	Boise NF
Xedar 410 with Operator	Boise BLM
Xedar 410 with Operator	Payette NF
Western Censor Palm IR 250 (50mm lens) with Operator	Payette NF
Western Censor Palm IR 250 (75mm lens) with Operator	Payette NF
Fire Finders (2)	Payette NF
Xedar 410 with Operator	Salmon NF

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