

**Gold Pan Complex
Incident Action Plan
Bitterroot NF, West Fork RD**

07/29/2013

Operational Period 0700 - 1900

MT-BRF-013039

P1HR1U (0103)

**Northern Rockies Wildland Fire Management Team
Diane Hutton, IC**



**Today's discussion is from the
Fireline Safety Category.**

Hazard Trees

Snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) and other hazard trees present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw fire brands far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning. Live, green trees have been weakened by insects, disease, weather, past fires, and age present equal hazard and can fall without warning.

- The risk of injuries from hazard trees increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags and weakened live trees may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from hazard trees: Strong winds or erratic winds from storm cells. Night operations. Air operations - cargo drops, water or retardant drops, helicopter take off/landing, low-level flights. Steep slopes. Diseased or bug-killed areas.
- Things to consider when assessing the potential dangers of hazard trees: Trees have been burning for an extended period. High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area. Numerous downed trees. Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead. Accumulation of downed limbs. Tree decay, cavities, splits, cracks. Absence of needles, bark or limbs. Leaning or hung-up trees. Roots damaged by equipment or erosion.
- Mitigation measures to take: Identify and flag all high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Use saw teams and falling bosses. Establish lookouts. Plan a quick and safe escape route. Do not turn your back on a falling tree. Maintain situational awareness.

| INCIDENT OBJECTIVES | 1. Incident Name GOLD PAN COMPLEX | 2. Date 07/28/13 | 3. Time 1600 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 4. Operational Period: 07/29/13 0700 – 1900 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. General Control Objectives for the Incident (include alternatives) <u>Strategy</u> The Bitterroot National Forest has selected a point protection strategy to manage this incident. <u>Incident Objectives</u> * Base all actions on sound risk management principles with the highest priority on firefighter and public safety. * Develop and implement management action points to protect values at risk. These include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Magruder Ranger Station 2. Hell’s Half Acre Lookout, communications facilities and RAWS 3. Salmon Mountain Lookout 4. Magruder Crossing 5. Wilderness signs and bridges * Minimize the potential for fire spread to reach private property and residences in the Nez Perce Creek drainage and the West Fork Bitterroot valley. * Implement and enforce closures within the planning area. * Support Bitterroot National Forest initial attack, as possible and closely coordinate any initial attack within the TFR. * Develop and implement, as needed, a long term plan for the complex. <u>Incident Requirements</u> * Follow Minimum Impact Management Tactics within the Wilderness Areas. * Document intrusions into the wilderness and ensure reporting requirements are met. * Coordinate closely with resource advisors to ensure that suppression efforts to natural and cultural resources are kept to a minimum. * All off-road equipment and vehicles will be pressure washed prior to arriving at the ICP and upon demobilization from the ICP. All out of area helicopter buckets, cargo nets, and other comparable equipment will be cleaned prior to use. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. Weather Forecast for Period See Attached Weather Forecast | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. General Safety Message <p style="text-align: center;">Communication is a key component of firefighter safety. Please refer to the “Communication Responsibilities” on page ix of the Incident Response Pocket Guide.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. Attachments (mark if attached) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 9. Prepared by (Planning Section Chief) Allen King | | 9. Approved by (Incident Commander) Diane Hutton | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST | | 9. Operations Section | |
|--|---|---|--|
| 1. Incident Name GOLD PAN COMPLEX | | Operations Chief | ROBERT MEANS (O-1.3; 8/10), CRAIG GLAZIER (O-1.2; 8/08) |
| 2. Date 07/28/13 | 3. Time 1900 | Operations Chief | JOE SAMPSON (T) (O-1.12; 8/08) |
| 4. Operational Period 07/29/2013 0700-1900 | | a. Branch I | |
| Position | Name | Division/Group | STRUCTURE JOHN SHOTZBERGER (O-3) RUSSELL WILLIAMS (T) (O-1.20; 8/10) |
| 5. Incident Commander and Command Staff | | Division/Group | RECON GENE PHILLIPS (O-2) |
| Incident Commander | DIANE HUTTON (O-1.1; 8/10) | Division/Group | AREA CLOSURE KAYLA JAQUITH |
| Deputy | | b. Branch II | |
| Safety Officer | CHRIS CASEY (O-1.18; 8/10) BRADLEY WAGNER (O-1.9; 8/10) | Branch Director | |
| Information Officer | BOB MACGREGOR (O-1.13; 8/11) GLENDA SCOTT (O-1.16; 8/10) | Deputy | |
| Liaison Officer | | Division/Group | |
| 6. Agency Representative | | Division/Group | |
| Agency | Name | Division/Group | |
| USFS | DAVE CAMPBELL (DISTRICT RANGER) | Division/Group | |
| USFS | MIKE JAKOBER (READ) | Division/Group | |
| | | Staging Area | |
| | | | |
| 7. Planning Section | | c. Branch III | |
| Plans Chief | AI KING (O-1.4; 8/10) | Branch Director | |
| Resources Unit | JENNA ROOSE (T) (O-1.11; 8/07) | Deputy | |
| | | Division/Group | |
| Fire Behavior | RISA LANGE-NAVARRO (O-1.6; 8/09), MICHAEL LOCKE (T) (O-1.19; 8/10) | Division/Group | |
| LTAN | TONJA OPPERMAN (O-1.7; 8/10), TIM BUMGARNER (T) (O-1.17; 8/10) | Division/Group | |
| IMET | BOB NESTER (O-22; 8/11) | Division/Group | |
| GIS | RAY BACKSTROM (O-1.8; 8/10) | Division/Group | |
| CTSP | CHAD WULF (O-1.10; 8/10) | Division/Group | |
| | | d. Air Operations Branch | |
| 8. Logistics Section | | Air Operations Branch Director | |
| Logistics Chief | RUSS RIEBE (O-1.21; 8/10), | Air Tactical Supervisor | |
| Supply Unit | RAY KINGSTON (O-11; 8/10) | Air Support Supervisor | JEFF POLACK (O-1.5; 8/10) |
| Ground Support Unit | | Helibase Manger | JOHN WALTERS (O-4, 8/10) |
| Facilities Unit | MONTE MONROE (O-9; 8/10) | Air Tanker Coordinator | |
| Food Unit Leader | JOYCE TAUSCH (O-10; 8/10) | 10. Finance/Administration Section | |
| Communications Unit | TODD ORR (O-16; 8/10) | Finance/Admin. Chief | JOYCE ANDERSON (O-1.14) |
| Medical Unit | LYNN HAMILTON (O-7; 8/10) MARILYNN DAVIS (O-8) | Time Unit | |
| Security | | Procurement Unit | |
| | | Cost Unit | MICKEY IVORY (O-15; 8/10) |
| | | Prepared by (Resource Unit Leader (T)) Jenna Roose | |

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| DIVISION ASSIGNMENT LIST | | | 1. Branch | | 2. Division/Group Structure Group | | |
| 3. Incident Name GOLD PAN COMPLEX | | | 4. Operational Period DAY Date: 07/29/13 Time: 0700-1900 | | | | |
| 6. Resources Assigned this Period | | | | | | | |
| Operations Chief | | Craig Glazier/Bob Means Joe Sampson (T) | | Division/Group Supervisor | | John Shotzberger Russ Williams (T) | |
| Branch Director | | | | Air Attack Supervisor No. | | | |
| Strike Team/Task Force/ Resource Designator | | Leader (Resource #; Last Shift) | | Number Persons | Trans. Needed | Drop Off PT./Time | Pick Up PT./Time |
| Panhandle IHC | | Chris Smith | | 20 | N | 0700 | |
| Blackfeet #1 T2IA | | Ron Dwarf | | 20 | N | 0700 | |
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| 7. <u>Control Operations</u> Implement structure protection throughout the Magruder Corridor, as warranted by current and expected fire behavior; including Kim Creek Saddle, Magruder Crossing, Magruder Station, Deep Creek, and Storm Creek base camp. | | | | | | | |
| 8. <u>Special Instructions</u> Be prepared for initial attack support of the West Fork Ranger District | | | | | | | |
| 9. Division/Group Communication Summary | | | | | | | |
| Function | Frequency - RX | Frequency - TX | Tone | System | Channel | System | Channel |
| Command - 1 | 164.6750 | 171.6250 | 103.5 | | 8 | | |
| Tactical - 1 | 168.0500 | 168.0500 | 103.5 | | 1 | | |
| Air to Ground | 169.3625 | 169.362 | | | | | |
| Prepared by (OSC2) J. Sampson (T) | | Approved by (PSC) Allen King | | | Date | | Time |

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| DIVISION ASSIGNMENT LIST | | | 1. Branch | | 2. Division/Group Recon Group | | | |
| 3. Incident Name GOLD PAN COMPLEX | | | 4. Operational Period DAY Date: 07/29/13 Time: 0700-1900 | | | | | |
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| Operations Chief | | Craig Glazier/Bob Means Joe Sampson (T) | | Division/Group Supervisor | | Gene Phillips | | |
| Branch Director | | | | Air Attack Supervisor No. | | | | |
| 6. Resources Assigned this Period | | | | | | | | |
| Strike Team/Task Force/ Resource Designator | | Leader (Resource #; Last Shift) | | Number Persons | Trans. Needed | Drop Off PT./Time | Pick Up PT./Time | |
| Great Northern T21A | | Carrie Johnson | | 20 | N | 0700 | | |
| | | | | 20 | N | 0700 | | |
| | | | | | N | | | |
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| 7. <u>Control Operations</u> Recon for containment opportunities from junction of Hell's Half Lookout road east through West Fork corridor. | | | | | | | | |
| 8. <u>Special Instructions</u> Verify location, condition, and needs of identified Forest values Be prepared for initial attack support of the West Fork Ranger District | | | | | | | | |
| 9. Division/Group Communication Summary | | | | | | | | |
| Function | Frequency - RX | Frequency - TX | Tone | System | Channel | System | Channel | |
| Command - 1 | 164.6750 | 171.6250 | 103.5 | | 8 | | | |
| Tactical - 2 | 168.200 | 168.200 | 103.5 | | 2 | | | |
| Air to Ground | 169.3625 | 169.362 | | | | | | |
| Prepared by (OSC2) J. Sampson (T) | | | Approved by (PSC) Allen King | | | Date | | Time |

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| DIVISION ASSIGNMENT LIST | | | | 1. Branch | | 2. Division/Group Area Closure | |
| 3. Incident Name GOLD PAN COMPLEX | | | | 4. Operational Period (Day & Night) Date: 07/29/13 Time: 0001-2400 | | | |
| Operations Chief | | Craig Glazier/Bob Means Joe Sampson | | Division/Group Supervisor | | Kayla Jaquith | |
| Branch Director | | | | Air Attack Supervisor No. | | | |
| 6. Resources Assigned this Period | | | | | | | |
| Strike Team/Task Force/ Resource Designator | Leader (Resource #; Last Shift) | Number Persons | Trans. Needed | Drop Off PT./Time | Pick Up PT./Time | | |
| Road Guard | Gary Anderson | 1 | N | 0800 | 1800 | | |
| Road Guard | Ravalli County Deputy | 1 | N | 1800 | 0800 | | |
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| 7. Control Operations Maintain and enforce the area closure. | | | | | | | |
| 8. Special Instructions Check-in and check-out with Gold Pan ICP at the beginning and end of your shift. | | | | | | | |
| 9. Division/Group Communication Summary | | | | | | | |
| Function | Frequency - RX | Frequency - TX | Tone | System | Channel | System | Channel |
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| Prepared by (PSC) Allen King | | Approved by (PSC) Allen King | | | Date 07/29/13 | | Time 2000 |

AIR OPERATIONS SUMMARY

Prepared By: D.Bitterman/J. Polack

Prepared Date:07/28/13

Prepared Time: 19:30hrs

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| 1. INCIDENT NAME: BRF I.A. and Gold Pan Complex | 2. OPS PERIOD DATE: 7/29/13 | START TIME: 0800 | END TIME: EOS | SUNRISE: 0615 | SUNSET: 2110 |
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| 3. REMARKS (Safety Notes, Hazards, Air Operations Special Equipment, etc.): BRF retains I.A. coverage under the Gold Pan TFR until further notice. Skydiver activity at Hamilton (Ravalli Co.) airport. Ensure parking tender support prior to starting rotor-wing aircraft. MTR 301/307 on South end of forest. Should be closed at Gold Pan TFR MooseMeadow TFR on B—D encroaches on the BRF 2 mi in the head of Moose Creek. BRF retains I.A. coverage on the Bitterroot portion under the TFR--coordinate prior to TFR entry. Stop tactical aerial operations at sunset. Use the last ½ hr for ferry back to base. See aviation briefing package for exceptions. | 4. READY ALERT AIRCRAFT: #1- Medivac (non-critical) N640MA | 5. TFR's: on forest:(3-9650) Gold Pan: 45 39' x 114 44', 5NM radius, 125.250 victor, Alt: 11000' Adjacent: (3-9310) on B—D, <u>Moose Meadow</u> , Freq. 119.3 |
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| 6. PERSONNEL | NAME | PHONE # | 7. FREQUENCIES | AM | FM | 8. FIXED-WING Avail/ Type/ Make-Model/ N#/ Base |
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| FAO | Dean Bitterman | 406-370-7024 | BRF IA+prim.AA/AG1 | 125.175 | 168.3875 | AIRTANKERS- (avail from MSO) |
| | | | BRF IA sec. AA/AG2 | | 166.9375 | LEAD PLANES- Avail from MSO |
| Hamilton Dispatch | Shannon, Kelly, Alyce | 406-363-7133 | BRF COMMAND South | FM RX 168.750 | FM TX 168.750 TT:131.8 | Additional Air Tactical platforms available from: (Missoula, Grangeville) |
| | Hamilton SEAT base (reload only) | (no phones, call dispatch) | North | 169.625 | 169.625 TT:146.2 | Smokejumpers: Avail from MSO, Grangeville, West Yellowstone |
| | Lone Pine H/B | 406-349-2260 | Wilderness Rpt: Hell's Half-Acre | 169.175 | 169.975 TT:136.5 | BRF I.A. AIR TACTICAL AIRCRAFT- none (see Gold Pan air attack below) |
| Hutton T2IMT | ASGS: Jeff Polack | 208-816-3447 (contact on BRF freqs) | S. Rpt: Lookout Mnt | 168.750 | 168.150 TT:146.2 | SEATs: Available from Grangeville, McCall, and Ronan |
| | | | S. Rpt: Spot Mnt | 168.750 | TT: 156.7 | Hamilton SEAT base available for reload |
| | | | S. Rpt: Tepee Pnt (D3) | 168.750 | 168.150 TT: 136.5 | |
| | | | Gold Pan A-A/A-G | 125.250 | 169.3625 | Incident Job Codes: BRF ABCD misc:P1EKS4 (0103) Gold Pan Complex: P1HR1U (0103) |

9. HELICOPTERS (Use Additional Sheets as Necessary)

MT area code (406)

(Gold Pan Complex Aerial resources)

| FAA N# | TY | MAKE/ MODEL | BASE | AVAIL | START | REMARKS | FAA N# | TY | MAKE/ MODEL | BASE | AVAIL | START | REMARKS |
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| N640MA | 3 | Bell 407 | Hamilton | 0830 | 0800 | Forest I.A. Mgr: Rennaker:381-7303 | N1215F | 2R | UH-1H | Gold Pan | 0830 | 0800 | Pilot:Will Mitz:698-1366 |
| N109MA | 2R | UH-1H | Hamilton | 0830 | 0800 | Forestr I.A. Mgr: Silva: 370-8390 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Air Tac N285 | 1 | C-337 | Hamilton | 0830 | 0800 | ATGS: Custer: 406-529-4888 |

SAFETY MESSAGE

Constantly weigh the **Benefits** to be gained with the **Risks** you are taking.

Safety awareness & mitigation is a constant process that changes

Everyone has ownership in individual and co-worker SAFETY

Take responsibility and ownership for your actions, always.

**Think Ahead and Interpret / Predict What
Fire Behavior Will Happen - Before it Happens**

Talk about and understand your "Medical Response Plan" should an accident happen on this incident. Know where your response resources & medical equipment are, know their capabilities & limitations, and have a backup plan.

On this incident, some of the major safety concerns are:

- **Air Operations** -Recon Flights, bucket drops.

Mitigation: Review mission objectives and mitigations. Establish solid communications with the pilot, and your adjacent resources. Pilot has final say.

- **Snags**- Lots of them will continue to come down along road and in fire zone with or without wind.

Mitigation: Recognition - limits exposure & avoid if windy - only take down if necessary and then only by well qualified fallers - this needs constant vigilance.

Check every work and break area for them. Avoid or remove safely

- **Slips, Trips & Falls** The most likely event for injuries on this incident.

Mitigation: Limit weight & bulky carrying - esp. on steep slopes, pick good routes - go around not over, if wet - extra precautions needed for slipping.

- **Driving** - Rough, narrow roads with slumping sides, rocks are rolling out. Watch for snags across roads or in road edges, there is smoke and dust. You share roads with wild animals, other incident vehicles.

Mitigation: Always drive with lights on, slow down, use back up guides, if sketchy, check roadways and surface before committing your vehicle. Stop and remove rocks you see, remove snags! The next person will thank you.

Hutton Team Safety Officers: Chris Casey, Brad Wagner & YOU!

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| MEDICAL PLAN | 1. Incident Name | 2. Date Prepared | 3. Time Prepared | 4. Operational Period | | | | | |
| | Gold Pan Complex | 7/28/13 | 1730 | 0700-1900 | | | | | |
| 5. Incident Medical Aid Station | | | | | | | | | |
| Medical Aid Stations | | Location | | | Paramedics | | | | |
| | | | | | Yes | No | | | |
| Gold Pan ICP Medical- at Yonder Ranch | | ICP | | | | x | | | |
| 6. Transportation | | | | | | | | | |
| A. Ambulance Services | | | | | | | | | |
| Name | | Address | | Phone | | Paramedics | | | |
| | | | | | | Yes | No | | |
| Ground ambulance West Fork VFD | | West Fork , MT | | 911 | | | x | | |
| Ground ambulance Marcus Daly Hospital | | Darby, MT | | 911 @Rivalli County Dispatch | | x | | | |
| | | | | | | | x | | |
| B. Incident Emergency Medivacs | | | | | | | | | |
| Name | | Location | | | Paramedics | | | | |
| | | | | | Yes | No | | | |
| USFS Bitterroot NF Hamilton, MT | | Hamilton Airport Bell 407 Medevac Capable | | | | X | | | |
| St Patrick Hospital Life Flight Helicopter | | CALL 1-800-991-SEND, Missoula, MT | | | x | | | | |
| Malstrom AFB - hoist | | CALL 1-800-851-3051 thru AFRCC they will contact Malstrom Great Falls, MT | | | x | | | | |
| 7. Hospitals | | | | | | | | | |
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| Name | | Address | | Travel Time | | Helipad | | Burn Center | |
| | | | | Air | Ground | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Marcus Daly Hospital | | 1200 Westwood drive Hamilton, MT | | | 50 min | 406-363-2211 | X | | x |
| Community Medical Center | | Missoula, MT | | 30 min | 1.5 hrs. | 1-888-487-8635 | x | | x |
| St Patrick Hospital | | 500 W. Broadway Missoula , Mt (N 46 31.20 x W 114 00.00) | | 30 min | 1.5 hrs. | 406-543-7271 | x | | x |
| Burn Center, Seattle, Harborview Medical | | 325 9 th Ave. Seattle, WA Fly fixed wing from MSO | | | 8.75 hrs | 206-223-3127 888-731-4791 | x | | x |
| Burn Center Univ of Utah | | 50 N. Medical Director SLC, UT Fly fixed wing from MSO | | | 8.75 hrs | 801-581-2700 | x | | x |

8. Medical Emergency Procedures

In the event of a medical emergency, provide the following information to the Communications Unit

1. Declare the nature of the emergency.
 - a. Medical injury or illness? Is it Life Threatening?
2. If life threatening, request that the designated frequency be cleared for emergency traffic.
3. Identify the on the scene Point of Contact (POC) by Resource and last name (i.e. POC is TFLD Smith)
4. Identify nature of incident, number injured, patient assessments (s) and location (geographic and GPS coordinates). **Do not use patient names over the radio.**
5. Identify on scene medical personnel by position and name (i.e. EMT Jones).
6. Identify preferred method of patient transport.
7. Request any additional resources and/or equipment needed.
8. Document all information received and transmitted on the radio or phone.
9. Identify any changes in the on-scene Point of Contact or medical if they occur

Procedures for Air Medical Evacuation:

In the event of a life threatening injury or illness on the fire line, or an illness/injury that makes hiking out impossible, an air medical evacuation should be considered.

If not life-threatening, order the local Bitterroot NF helicopter.

If life threatening, order Life Flight helicopter from Missoula and bring patient directly to the hospital.

Even though an air evacuation is requested, a ground ambulance should be started to the nearest accessible point as part of a contingency plan. At the discretion of the personnel involved in the incident, the patient may be flown directly to definitive medical care, bypassing the Helibase. The Emergency Incident Within An Incident Action Plan will be followed.

Location of the Emergency Medivac site at Gold Pan Helibase is N 45 47.257 x W 114 20.079

Location of the Emergency Medivac site at Nez Perce Pass is N 45 23.016 x W 114 30.178

Procedures for ICP Medical Emergency:

In the event of a medical emergency at the ICP, attempt to locate on site medical personnel.

If unable to contact on site medical personnel, request closest ground ambulance response by calling 911.

Prepared by (Medical Unit Leader)

Lynn Hamilton, MEDL

10. Reviewed by (Safety Officer)

Chris Casey, SOF2 7/28/13

EMERGENCY INCIDENT WITHIN AN INCIDENT ACTION PLAN

The Incident Management Team will take immediate action when an emergency incident occurs. However, care should be taken not to lose management control of the other operations on the incident. Following is an action plan with assignments to ensure prompt and efficient management of an “incident within an incident”.

At no time during the emergency, if it involves victims, will the name(s) of the victims be used in radio communication or released to the media without the approval of the IC and Agency Administrator.

Incident Commander is responsible for overall action in case of a serious incident (accident, shelter deployment, hazmat, law enforcement, evacuation, fatality etc.) within the jurisdiction of the assigned incident, and for cooperating with other agencies. The IC will ensure, working with section chiefs that normal operations continue while emergency operations are initiated.

Upon occurrence of an emergency incident within this incident, the ranking Operations Leader on scene will immediately take charge and is the Point of Contact (POC) and will designate a Scribe to document all actions, decisions and communications. In remote accidents the 1st Responder may be the POC and Scribe until backup arrives. The Line Operations Section Chief will respond directly to the scene to assess and take necessary actions. If OSC is delayed for an appreciable time the nearest Division Group Supervisor will go immediately to the scene and take charge until the arrival of the Operations Chief. OSC will establish clear communication with the DIVS to determine who can arrive at the scene quickest and assume control of the situation. Incident Information Officer may be called to the scene to address public information concerns.

The Logistics Section Chief will take immediate action to manage radio traffic ensuring that serious incident takes priority. This action may involve an “Emergency Traffic” notification so that only emergency information is broadcast.

The Safety Officer will respond immediately to the scene of the emergency to assist in the management of the incident. When ordering a MEDL insure that a Medical Kit gets ordered also when in the Northern Rockies.

Immediately upon notification of an accident requiring emergency action the IC, PSC, LSC, FSC, PIO, and Medical Unit Leader will all respond to incident communications. They shall assist the OSC or DIVS as necessary, paying particular attention to the needs of the personnel involved in the incident for a Critical Incident Stress Debriefing. Plans will provide documentation assistance to record all actions and decisions.

The Logistics Section Chief will manage communications to ensure sensitive information is not released. All information released from the incident involving the emergency shall be through the Incident Information Officer approved by the IC. The PIO is responsible coordinating with agencies outside the incident for accidents outside of incident jurisdiction.

The IC will contact the Agency Administrator who will in turn contact appropriate officials of the agency. If the emergency involves a fatality, the Agency Administrator will contact the Sheriff’s Office, the Coroner’s Office, and the home agency of the victim.

Assignments by function:

Incident Commander

- Manage the entire incident including the emergency.
- Ensure the primary incident continues to be managed with adequate resources and oversight.
- Coordinate with cooperating agencies and jurisdictions when needed.
- Keep the Agency Administrator informed.
- Ensure the Agency Administrator contacts the victim’s home unit.
- Initiate order for Critical Stress Debriefing if appropriate.
- Document all actions, decisions and communications in the Unit Log ICS 214.

Operations Section Chief - Line

- Ranking operations leader on scene will be the point of contact.
- Coordinate with Planning Operations Section Chief, to maintain control, management and responsibility of both the “Incident” and the “Incident within an Incident”.
- Manage the emergency ordering resources as needed.
- Transition as appropriate.
- Ensure the scene is protected for future investigations.
- Document all actions, decisions and communications in the Unit Log ICS 214.

Operations Section Chief - Planning

- Coordinate with Line Operations Section Chief, to maintain control, management and responsibility of both the “Incident” and the “Incident within an Incident”.
- Document all actions, decisions and communications in the Unit Log ICS 214.

Planning Section Chief

- Ensure documentation of the events and decisions for the emergency.
- Document all actions, decisions and communications in the Unit Log ICS 214.
- Provide a dedicated note taker (separate from the radio operator), to document all Incident within an Incident decisions.
- Coordinate with other Sections to ensure management of the emergency is seamless between sections.
- Determine need to contact Wildland Fighter Foundation for employee or family support.

Logistic Section Chief

- Manage communications to ensure the emergency takes appropriate priority.
- Assist Safety with medivac/transportation needs.
- Ensure the Radio Operator follows the Standard Elements in the Incident Communications Center Protocol and that everyone in the Center is familiar with the protocol.
- Coordinate with other Sections to ensure management of the emergency is seamless between sections.
- Provide Law Enforcement support to protect the scene and initiate appropriate investigations.
- Pre-order Radio Operator/Com Unit Leader.
- Document all actions, decisions and communications in the Unit Log ICS 214.

Safety Officer

- Respond to the scene of the emergency or assign Line Safety to respond. Prioritize transport options in terms of efficiency with a contingency plan option. Provide for the safety of all personnel involved in the emergency.
- Coordinate with other Sections to ensure management of the emergency is seamless between sections.
- Assist with investigation as needed.
- Ensure that the MEDL goes to Com Unit to monitor all emergency medical radio traffic and advise as needed.
- Document all actions, decisions and communications in the Unit Log ICS 214.

Information Officer

- Assist as needed at the scene to manage the media.
- Prepare all press releases for the IC’s approval.
- Facilitate media inquiries.
- Coordinate with the local unit.
- Coordinate family needs and requests.
- Coordinate with other Sections to ensure management of the emergency is seamless between sections.
- Document all actions, decisions and communications in the Unit Log ICS 214.

Finance Section Chief

- Initiate Treatment Authorization for patient(s) as soon as required information is available.

- Coordinate with other Sections to ensure management of the emergency is seamless between sections.
- Document all actions, decisions and communications in the Unit Log ICS 214.

This plan is designed and intended to be used as a living document. It will be reviewed and changed if needed during annual meetings and upon arrival at each incident. It is designed to have the flexibility to allow personnel to adapt to any situation that may occur. It is a guide that sets a baseline of actions that need to be taken in the event of a medical emergency. As with the nature of many wildland fire operations, the need to make critical real-time decisions is vital to successful management of emergency medical incidents.

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
Incident Commander

| INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN | | 1. Incident Name | | 2. Date/ Time Prepared | | 3. Operational Period Date/Time | |
|---|----------|------------------|------|------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 4. Basic Radio Channel Utilization | | | | | | | |
| Mode: W=Wideband Analog, N=Narrowband Analog, D=Digital, M=Mixed | | | | | | | |
| Channel | Function | Frequency | Tone | Mode | Assignment | Remarks | |
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| | | TX: | | | | | |
| 2 | | RX: | | | | | |
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| 5. Prepared by (Communications Unit) | | | | | | | |

