

Northwest Border Arrangement for Fire Protection
British Columbia/US Operating Guidelines

2009

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I. Purpose

The purpose of these guidelines is to clearly describe the procedures and operating guidelines to insure safe and efficient operations that will be followed in managing fire preparedness, fire response and fire suppression in the common border zone along the British Columbia/US Border.

Safety of responders and the general public remains the highest priority on all fires.

These Operating Guidelines outline cooperative fire suppression plans between the Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Forests and Range, USDA Forest Service, **Alaska**, Pacific Northwest and Northern Regions, National Park Service, **Alaska**, Pacific West and Intermountain Regions, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana State Offices, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Idaho Department of Lands and Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.

II. Authority

Authority to implement these agreed upon guidelines is found in the:

- Northwest Border Arrangement for Fire Protection dated June 2004 (see Appendix A)
- The Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement (Northwest Compact) dated September, 1997.

III. Terminology and Command Systems

To establish a "common" understanding, words and phrases as used herein are defined in a Glossary attached as Appendix B.

The agencies recognize and accept different on site language and command structures of each agency. Resources may be defined and/or configured differently by each agency.

IV. General Procedures

Land Management Considerations

To the extent possible the supporting agency taking action on a fire will consider special land and fire management considerations of the jurisdictional agency. See Appendix F.

Border Crossings

Border crossings will be in accordance with the Procedures for Crossing International Borders in Appendix D.

Dispatch Procedures

See Appendix C for contact information.

For any fire with the potential to escape initial attack, follow contact and notification information contained within Appendix C. The purpose is to notify neighboring jurisdiction of the emerging situations. Consider inviting an Agency Representative to planning meeting.

For any cross border Aerial Water Delivery (bucketing) operations, pilots will contact the appropriate dispatch centre prior to commencing the operation to determine jurisdictional procedures.

Requests

Requests for assistance will be channeled by the most expeditious means to the appropriate authorized official as listed in Appendix C.

Personnel assigned as part of a resource order will receive an incident briefing by the ordering agency prior to fireline deployment and should be debriefed prior to demobilization. Debriefings and evaluations will be provided to the sending agency

Each agency's resource order forms are acceptable for resource order requests. The ordering agency assigns the billing number.

Personnel

When appropriate, the sending agency or the ordering agency may provide and/or request adequate agency representation through agency representatives. The costs of the Agency Representative will be reimbursed by the ordering agency.

Receiving agency local procedures will be followed for medical evacuations of injured personnel.

An exception may occur for Aerial Delivered Fire Fighters where communications between ordering and sending dispatch centres will determine the proper course of action.

Any accident or serious incident involving personnel on assignment must be immediately reported to the sending agency's authorized official. The sending agency may request to participate in the investigation, or may, at their own expense, and with the assistance of the ordering agency, undertake their own investigation.

Commissary expenses for personnel on assignment is the responsibility of the sending agency.

Length of assignment and rest and rotation for personnel shall be identified by the Sending Agency at the time of request. The Agency Representative will advise the Liaison Officer of the status of the crew upon arrival.

Liability Insurance

US Forest Service employees are authorized to obtain insurance to cover liability incurred while operating a government vehicle within the scope of their employment in a foreign country.

Equipment and Supplies

Expendable supplies and materials shall be considered purchased on delivery, and full replacement costs will be reimbursed by the ordering agency. Items should be considered expendable if they are not reusable.

Non-expendable and accountable equipment and supplies will be credited to the ordering agency upon return to the sending agency. The cost of refurbishing is reimbursable to the sending agency unless the sending agency agrees that the ordering agency will perform the work.

In the event that any equipment or supplies are damaged beyond repair or not returned, they will be either replaced by the ordering agency with new equipment or supplies of the same quantity and to the sending agency's standard, or full replacement costs will be reimbursed by the ordering agency. Fiscal reimbursement is the preferred method for replacing lost or damaged equipment when crossing international borders.

Providing communications equipment is the responsibility of the ordering agency, or as otherwise specified in local operating plans.

Aircraft

Use of aircraft will be in accordance with the Airspace Border Crossing Protocol in Appendix E.

Costs for aircraft being obtained through this operating guideline are defined by the sending agency. These normally include:

- Hourly flight time
- Hourly/daily availability
- Fuel and oil (if purchased by the sending agency)
- Retardant

Air crew wages are included in the hourly flight time and/or hourly/daily availability, unless otherwise specified by the sending agency. Crew meals, accommodations, and ground transportation are reimbursable if not supplied by the ordering agency.

Normal, routine maintenance is the responsibility of the aircraft contractor or owner and is not reimbursable.

Extra costs incurred to facilitate repairs or extra transport costs not considered routine are reimbursable. Sending agency contract stipulations will be followed by the ordering agency.

Damage to an aircraft as a direct result of the ordering agency is the ordering agency's responsibility.

Length of assignment and recall conditions will be defined at the time of deployment.

Special considerations should be specified by the ordering agency.

Communications

Agencies may use their Initial Attack and Aviation frequencies for emergency actions to insure responder safety.

Media Communications

All media communications are the responsibility of the ordering/jurisdictional agency.

Billing and Payment

Estimates shall be submitted annually by December 1, invoiced no later than January 31, and final payment shall occur within 60 days after receipt of billing, unless a longer time frame is negotiated.

Reimbursement for personnel will be in accordance to the terms of the Northwest Border Arrangement unless supplemented below.

All costs submitted for payment by the sending agency will be reimbursed by the ordering agency, in accordance with the salary schedules and/or union contracts in existence with the sending agency unless resource rates are established prior to resource mobilization. A sending agency may prefer to set a flat fee for service.

Bills shall be submitted to the billing addresses listed in Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement (Northwest Compact) Cooperative Operating Plan or the Northwest Border Arrangement for Fire Protection.

Review

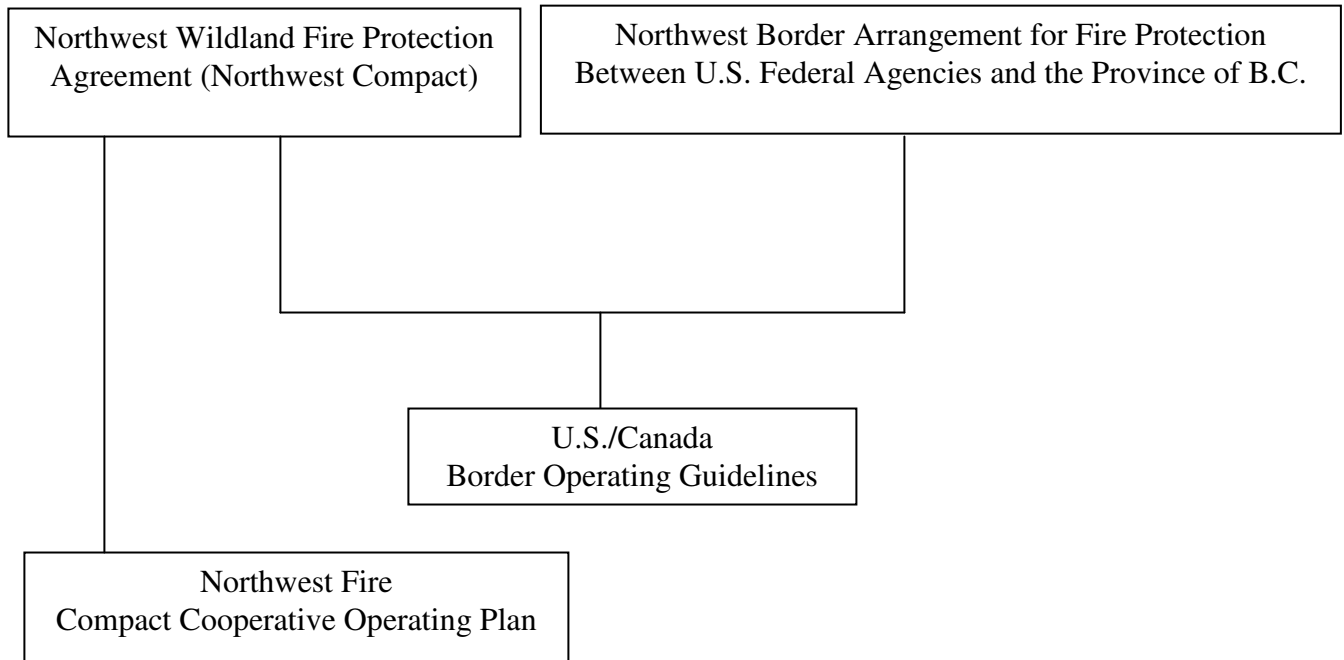
This Operating Guideline shall be reviewed annually, and updated as appropriate. Each agency will be responsible for providing the names and phone numbers of the authorized agency officials and/or duty officers by May 30th of each year.

For information and updates contact:

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Appendix A
Authority Diagram for US/Canada Border Operating Guideline
Copy of Northwest Border Arrangement for Fire Protection

Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement (Northwest Compact)-
Between the States of Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Idaho, Montana and British
Columbia, Alberta, Yukon, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan
Arrangement-
Between United States Federal Agencies and the Province of British Columbia



**NORTHWEST BORDER ARRANGEMENT (need to relace w/new agreement)
FOR
FIRE PROTECTION
BETWEEN**

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, MINISTRY OF FORESTS

AND

USDA FOREST SERVICE, PACIFIC NORTHWEST AND NORTHERN REGIONS

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, PACIFIC WEST AND INTERMOUNTAIN REGIONS

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, OREGON/WASHINGTON AND IDAHO, STATE
OFFICES

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Arrangement is to provide a framework under which fire management resources may be exchanged to allow for cooperative fire suppression along the United States/British Columbia border between the British Columbia Ministry of Forests and Range, hereinafter “British Columbia (BC)”; and the following United States Federal agencies, hereinafter when referred to jointly called the “United States (US)”:

Forest Service, Pacific Northwest and Northern Regions (USFS);

National Park Service, Pacific West and Northern Regions (NPS);

Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington and Idaho, State Offices (BLM).

British Columbia and the United States Agencies signatory to this Arrangement will hereinafter be referred to as the “Parties to this Arrangement”.

The agency whose land is where the fire is located, or who is assigned legal fire suppression responsibilities, will be known as the jurisdictional agency. The agency that provides suppression or management support will be known as the supporting agency.

AUTHORITY

The Canada/United States Reciprocal Forest Fire Fighting Arrangement, which was concluded by an exchange of Diplomatic Notes on May 7, 1982 and further defined in Public Law 100-428, as amended by Public Law 101-11.

Emergency border crossings within the intent of this Arrangement have been cleared by each Country by letter (or Arrangement) (references: Canada Department of Natural Revenue Customs and Excise 4/8/59; Canada Department of Manpower and Immigration 6/8/72; U.S. Treasury Department 2/9/72, 2/21/75, 10/26/81).

MUTUAL INTERESTS AND BENEFITS

Sharing of resources, expertise and intelligence are needed by the Parties to this Arrangement in order to effectively manage fires along the United States/British Columbia border. Therefore it is the intent of the Parties to this Arrangement, regardless of the point of origin, to cooperate on determining the most appropriate approach to be taken on any wildfire that threatens each other’s lands along the international boundary, and that a fire will not be abandoned simply because it has crossed the international boundary.

IV. OPERATING PROCEDURES

A common border zone is understood to exist for approximately 5 miles /8 kilometres on each side of the international boundary, which will be used as the basis for observing and

planning fire management operations by the Parties to this Arrangement. This area may be adjusted based on geographic conditions, or where any fire outside of this zone is predicted to encroach on the international boundary or adjacent agency land.

Under this Arrangement, operational guidelines for safe and effective mutual response of fire fighting resources to manage British Columbia/United States border fires will be developed and updated annually by the authorized representatives listed in Appendix A or their designees. These operational guidelines are intended to identify strategic conditions for implementing initial attack, extended attack and large fire suppression procedures and command structures to be used depending on the particular circumstances associated with each fire. Operational Guidelines that are local in nature may be developed and updated annually by local affected agencies on either side of the border.

Any Party discovering a fire within the border zone shall as soon as practical notify the jurisdictional agency. Upon being notified of a fire burning in their jurisdiction or threatening to cross into it, the jurisdictional agency will identify a duly authorized officer to take charge of the fire. If the jurisdictional agency cannot take immediate action, the party discovering the fire may take steps to suppress the fire.

During initial attack or the first burning period (not to exceed 12 hours), each agency will be responsible for their own personnel, equipment, and supply costs when operating in the border zone. Personnel, equipment and supply cost recovery may occur when the jurisdictional agency requests specific resources and assistance from the supporting agency during initial attack, requests the supporting agency to stay beyond the first burning period, or when the jurisdictional agency requests the supporting agency to respond to a fire beyond the border zone.

All aircraft costs, (when billed by the supporting agency) will be reimbursed by the jurisdictional agency.

On fires that escape initial attack and cross the international boundary, the Parties to this Arrangement are responsible for their own costs on their own jurisdiction. Cost apportionment may be agreed to when fires straddle the international border to facilitate administrative procedures.

Except as otherwise limited in Operational Guidelines, nothing herein shall prohibit any party, on its own initiative, from going upon lands known to be protected by another Party to this Arrangement to engage in suppression of wildfires, when such fires are a threat to that Party's protection responsibility. In such instances, the party taking action will promptly notify the jurisdictional agency.

To the extent possible the supporting agency taking action on a fire will consider special land management and fire management considerations of the jurisdictional agency, as described in the Operational Guidelines.

The Parties to this Arrangement agree to cooperate, when mutually deemed appropriate, on developing strategic plans for fires that threaten the border. Such planning will involve affected local agencies on either side of the border to address special land management considerations.

The jurisdictional agency agrees to accept the supporting agencies standards for training, fitness, personal protective equipment, and workers compensation. If the jurisdictional agency must meet additional safety equipment/ supplies standards, than the supporting agency, it is the responsibility of the jurisdictional agency to supply the required equipment /supplies.

The supporting agency certifies that the personnel assigned meet the requirements of the position ordered.

Within the border zone, or on fires of mutual concern, the Parties to this Arrangement may order direct from local US or BC agency offices listed in the Operational Guidelines. Procedures are detailed in the Operational Guidelines.

Procedures for requesting resources for fires beyond the border zone, extended attack, large fire support, or prescribed fire activities, are outlined in the Canada/United States Reciprocal Forest Fire Fighting Arrangement, and associated Annual Operational Guidelines (in the National Interagency Mobilization Guide).

Use of aircraft will be in accordance with the Airspace Border Crossing Protocol in the Operational Guidelines.

Border crossings will be in accordance with the Procedures for Crossing International Borders in the Operational Guidelines.

The Parties to this Arrangement will establish a coordinating committee who will meet annually and review this Arrangement and update the Operational Guidelines as necessary, update the Emergency Contacts listed in the Operational Guidelines, and work toward joint training exercises or other areas of mutual interest.

V. REIMBURSEMENT

Reimbursement will occur as described in Clauses IV. D and E.

The jurisdictional agency will reimburse the supporting agency in accordance with the procedures listed in the Arrangement in the form of Exchange of Notes, and the Canada/United States Reciprocal Forest Firefighting Arrangement (in the National Interagency Mobilization Guide.)

Invoices will be sent to the applicable jurisdictional agency billing addresses listed in Appendix A.

When questions on the settlement of costs incurred occur, arrangements as to whom and how payment will be made will be determined by representatives of the agencies involved.

VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Parties to this Arrangement waive all claims against each other for compensation from any loss, damage, or death occurring in consequence of the performance of this Arrangement.

Authorized representatives in the implementation of this Arrangement are listed in Appendix A.

This Arrangement supercedes the following fire protection arrangements:

Reciprocal Fire Protection Arrangement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of British Columbia, and the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service as represented by the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service signed and dated April 16, 1992.

Interim agreement for Reciprocal Fire Protection on Border Fires between the Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Forests and the USDA Forest Service, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests, as modified June 29, 2004.

Nothing in this Arrangement shall be construed to affect any existing cooperative agreement or arrangement between the Parties to this Arrangement.

This Arrangement will take effect on the date of last signature and will remain in effect for five years from that date. Any Party to this Arrangement can terminate their participation in it by giving six months written notice to the other Parties. A review of this Arrangement will be conducted every five years for appropriateness and modified or renewed for a period of not more than five years from the date the last party signs the modification or renewal.

Modifications within the scope of this arrangement will be made by mutual consent of the parties, y the issuance of a written modification, signed and dated by all parties prior to any changes being performed.

By signature below, all signatories to this Arrangement that the individuals listed in this document are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this Arrangement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Arrangement as of the last date written below.

/S/ 07/08/04
Director
British Columbia
Ministry of Forests

/S/07/09/04
Regional Forester
Pacific Northwest Region
Forest Service

/S/02/21/04
Regional Forester
Northern Region
Forest Service

/S/07/20/04
Regional Director
Pacific West Region
National Park Service

08/31/04
Regional Director
Intermountain Region
National Park Service

/S/07/09/04
State Director
Oregon and Washington State Office
Bureau of Land Management

/S/07/15/04
State Director
Idaho State Office
Bureau of Land Management

**NORTHWEST BORDER ARRANGEMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES AND BILLING ADDRESSES**

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES

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Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest:
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Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043
Phone: 425-775-9702
Fax: 425-744-3225

Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests
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215 Melody Lane
Wenatchee, WA 98801
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Colville National Forest
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765 South Main
Colville, WA 99114
Phone: 509-684-3711
Fax: 509-684-7280

North Cascades National Park
Bill Paleck, Superintendent
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Sedro Woolley, WA 98284
Phone: 360-856-5700
Fax: 360-856-1934

Spokane District BLM
Robert Towne, District Manager
1103 N. Fancher Road
Spokane, WA 99212
Phone: 509-536-1200
Fax: 509-536-1275

Idaho:

Idaho Panhandle National Forest
Ranotta McNair, Forest Supervisor
3815 Schreiber Way
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815
208-765-7223

Montana:

Flathead National Forest
Cathy Barbouletous-Forest Supervisor
650 Wolfpack Way
Kalispell, MT. 59901
Phone 406-758-5251
Fax 406-758-5363

Glacier National Park
Chas Cartwright- Superintendent
PO Box 128
West Glacier, MT 59936
Phone 406-888-7901
Fax 406-888-7808

Kootenai National Forest
Paul Bradford Forest Supervisor
1101 HWY 2 East
Libby, MT. 59923
Phone 406-283-7763
Fax 406-283-7710

BILLING ADDRESSES

British Columbia

British Columbia Ministry of Forests
Attention: Superintendent of Fire Preparedness
PO Box 9502 Stn. Prov. Government
Victoria, British Columbia V8W 9C1

Washington

Colville National Forest
Attention: Budget and Finance
765 South Main
Colville, WA 99114
Phone: 509-684-3711
Fax: 509-684-7280

Note: The Colville National Forest is the “billing forest” for all Forest Service offices in Washington, for the purposes of this arrangement, regardless of the location of the fire.

Bureau of Land Management
Attention: Procurement
PO Box 2965
Portland, Oregon 97208
Phone: 503-808-6217
Fax 503-808-6312

North Cascades National Park
Attention: Budget
2105 State Route 20
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284
Phone: 360-856-5700
Fax: 360-856-1934

Idaho

Idaho Panhandle National Forest
Attention: Budget and Financer
3815 Schreiber Way
Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815
208-765-7223

Bureau of Land Management
Attention Procurement
1387 South Vinnell Way
Boise, Idaho 83709-3850

Montana

Flathead National Forest
Kalispell, MT. 59901
Attention Budget & Finance
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Fax 406-758-5363

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West Glacier, MT 59936
Attention Budget
Phone 406-888-7901
Fax 406-888-7808

Kootenai National Forest
1101 HWY 2 East
Libby, MT. 59923
Attention Budget & Finance
Phone 406-283-7763
Fax 406-283-7710

Appendix B Glossary

Authorized Official	Immediate authority to approve dispatch of resources. Specific individuals are identified in Appendix C.
Agency Representative	Official from the sending agency responsible for the health, safety, welfare and commissary needs of sending agency personnel while on assignment
Billing Number	Individual agency's charge code that tracks costs for the incident
Energy Release Component (ERC)	An index related to how hot a fire could burn. It is directly related to the 24-hour, potential worst case, total available energy BTU's per unit area (in square feet) within the flaming front at the head of the fire. It indicates the effect of drying on fire behavior
Expanded Attack/Extended Attack	Any fire activity that goes beyond Initial Attack.
Flat Fee	An all inclusive rate for any requested resource.
Haines Index	Used to indicate the potential for wildfire growth based on the stability and dryness of the atmosphere. Ranges from 2 (very low, moist stable) to 6 (high potential, dry unstable.)
Keetch-Byrum Drought Index (KBDI)	Indicates soil moisture and how fuels will burn. Ranges from 1-200 (Soil and fuel moisture is high) to 600-800 (Fires will burn to mineral soil, fires will almost totally consume large fuels.)
Liaison Officer	Official from the ordering agency who deals with the Agency Representatives of sending agencies.

Appendix C 2009 Authorized Agency Officials and/or Duty Officers

Resource request contacts and procedures

Note: Agency dispatch procedures and notification of fires required by all agencies.

British Columbia

Name	Office	Cell	E-mail
Leo Gillich	1-250-770-3703	1-250-498-5390	Leo.Gillich@gov.bc.ca
John Flanagan	1-250-387-8734	1-250-812-8973	John.Flanagan@gov.bc.ca
Brian Simpson	1-250-365-4012	1-250-304-9197	Brian.Simpson@gov.bc.ca

Provincial Duty Officer

Phone: 250- 387-1717 (24 hours)

Email: Prov.fire@gov.bc.ca

For initial attack requests (less than 24 hours), notification of escaped fires or fire reporting contact Fire Center Fire Control Officers:

Coastal 1-250-951-4200

Kamloops 1-250-554-7701

Southeast 1-250-365-4001

For initial attack air tanker assistance call the Provincial Airtanker Centre

Phone: 1-250-376-9018

All other requests contact Provincial Duty Officer.

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KEY PERSONNEL - COASTAL FIRE CENTRE					
GENERAL ADMIN - PARKSVILLE - General enquiries 250-951-4222 General Fax 250-954-0823 49 18.158 x 124 18.719					
DISPATCH - FIRE ONLY: 250-951-4200		GENERAL CALLS: 250-951-4201		DISPATCH FAX: 250-954-0819	
AIR OPERATIONS: 250-951-4220 FAX: 250-248-4019			FIRE INFORMATION: 250-951-4209		
CALL	NAME	OFFICE	CELL	PAGER	FAX
2P	PHIL TAUDIN-CHABOT	250-951-4208	250-951-1617	N/A	250-954-0823
2P1	TIM EWART	250-951-4244	250-248-0803	250-954-6570	250-954-0823
2P2	BRENT ANDERSON	250-951-4218	250-954-8229	250-954-6103	250-954-0823
2P3	DOUG WALKER	250-951-4216	250-731-5446	250-720-0159	250-954-0823
2P4	ROB FRASER	250-951-4243	250-203-1135	250-741-9675	250-954-0819
2P5	BONNIE LEFEBRE	250-951-4207	250-927-1417	250-954-6574	250-954-0823
2P6	BRIAN McINTOSH	250-951-4217	250-951-7693	250-954-4391	250-954-0823
2P8	TIM NEAL	250-743-9612	250-701-1462	250-755-8179	250-743-4923
2P22	MATTHEW FOSTER	250-951-4215	250-927-0394	250-954-4357	250-954-0823
2P9	DONNA MACPHERSON	250-951-4229	250-927-1446	250-954-6033	250-954-0823
2P20	DEBBIE HAWKES	250-951-4214	250-927-0412	250-755-8249	250-954-0819
2P21	LINDA ASHBY	250-951-4228	250-927-2285	250-741-9681	250-951-4227
2P28	SHANNON DEANE	250-951-4211	250-927-0634	250-954-4305	250-951-4227
2P26	HEATHER THOMPSON	250-951-4212	250-927-0421	250-954-4303	250-951-4227
2P23	JAN CAMERON	250-951-4246	250-951-8961	250-755-8252	250-248-4019
2P25	PENNY PORTMAN- BRADSHAW	250-951-4222	N/A	250-954-4306	250-954-0823
N/A	DAN MORRISON (weather tech)	250-468-7373	250-954-8790	N/A	250-468-7020
2P24	RENEE MCINTOSH	250-951-4241	250-927-0395	250-954-4325	250-951-4227
(V1) CULTUS LAKE FIRE BASE - General enquiries 604-858-4742 Fax: 604-858-4943					
2P10	RICK KIMMERLY	604-824-3341	604-795-0194	604-702-7948	604-858-4943
2P14	DAVE THOMSON (seasonal)	604-824-3342	604-556-1023	604-869-8516	604-858-4943
1P16	STEVE GRIMALDI	604-824-3340	604-309-0014	N/A	604-858-4943
HAIG FIRE BASE - General enquiries or 604-869-5835					
2P11	GRANT PRESTON	604-869-5835	604-869-1007	604-869-8519	604-869-7386
2P12	JIM RICHARDSON	604-869-5835	604-860-3838	604-869-8508	604-869-7386
2P13	AL BERRY (seasonal)	604-869-5835	604-855-3199	604-869-8510	604-869-7386
BOSTON BAR - Phone 604-867-9104, Fax 604-867-9106					
(V3) PEMBERTON FIRE BASE - General enquiries 604-894-5401 /Sat. Phone 881651494333					
2P30	ROD ALLEN	604-894-5401	604-905-9324	604-905-1788	604-894-5092
2P31	ROB DOMBOWSKY	604-894-5401	604-815-8256	604-905-1760	604-894-5092
2P32	BRUCE JANNING	604-894-5401	604-848-5660	604-905-1763	604-894-5092
2P33	ANDY GOSS (seasonal)	604-894-5401	604-966-8481	604-905-1701	604-894-5092
SQUAMISH FIRE BASE - General enquiries 604-898-2124/ Sat.Phone 881651494332					
2P34	MARC SIMPSON	604-898-2122	604-848-5048	604-815-0214	604-898-2190

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	(seasonal)				
(V5) SECHELT FIRE BASE - General enquiries 604-740-8981					
2P50	RICK MACHOWSKI	604-740-8978	604-741-3042	604-740-8662	604-740-8982
2P51	MIKE WHITEHOUSE	604-740-8979	604-741-2850	604-740-8735	604-740-8982
POWELL RIVER FIRE BASE - General enquiries 604-485-2794 or 604-485-2779					
2P52	ROB CROOKSHANK	604-485-2794	604-483-8286	604-414-1342	604-485-2798
2P53	RYAN THOMS (seasonal)	604-485-2794	604-414-5735	604-414-1205	604-485-2798
(V6) COBBLE HILL FIRE BASE - General enquiries 250-743-1304 (IA building 250-743-7284)					48 42.010 x 123 35.516
2P60	GLENN POFFENROTH	250-743-8934	250-715-6952	250-755-8079	250-743-4923
2P61	GENE DREW	250-743-8957	250-715-7544	250-755-8152	250-743-4923
2P62	PADER BRACH	250-743-8146	250-701-2673	250-715-9369	250-743-4923
(V7) ERRINGTON FIRE BASE - General enquiries 250-951-4223					
2P71	ROB TEMPLEMAN	250-951-4225	250-248-0930	250-954-6347	250-248-0477
PORT ALBERNI FIRE BASE- General enquires 250-723-5124 or 250-723-6734					
2P72	ROB KEEN	250-723-6734	250-735-0113	250-720-0108	250-723-7921
2P73	RICHARD HEARD	250-723-5124	250-720-6111	250-720-0134	250-723-7921
(V8, V9, VA) QUINSAM FIRE BASE - General enquiries 250-286-7560/7645					
2P80	CLINT PARKER	250-286-9714	250-203-0621	250-741-9731	250-287-5103
2P81	BILL HARDY	250-286-3795	250-203-2351	250-830-9126	250-287-5103
2P82	TOM RUSHTON	250-286-6532	250-287-6640	250-741-9729	250-287-5103
2P83	PETER LAING (seasonal)	250-286-3674	250-203-1136	250-830-5004	250-287-5103
MID COAST - General enquiries 250-982-2038 or 250-982-2793 (fax) 250-982-2077					

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KAMLOOPS Fire Center							
Admin Phone: (250) 554-5500				Admin Fax: (250) 376-9732			
Fire Control Phone: (250) 554-7701 24 hrs				Fire Control Fax: (250) 376-6549 / 8732			
Weather Techs Phone: (250) 554-5517				Weather Techs Fax: (250) 376-6549 / 3485			
area code 250 then #							
	Local	Radio	Office #	Fax #	Pager#	Cellular	Home #
Fire Management		KFC Spare Sat Phone: (403)997-4689					
Steve Schell	<i>Fire Ctr Mgr</i>	5513	5P1	554-5513	376-9732	314-8579	319-6531
Harry Spahan	<i>Deputy Fire Ctr Mgr</i>	5503	5P2	554-5503	376-9732		320-6662
Brian Kempf	<i>SPO Operations</i>	5506	5P3	554-5506	376-9732		318-4185
Gary Horsman	<i>Crew Co-ord</i>	5533	5P3H	554-5533	376-9732		319-3256
Greg Garrish	<i>A/Fuels Mgmt</i>	5529	5P24	554-5529	376-9732		319-8977
Murray Henry	<i>SPO Fire Mgmt</i>	5501	5P4	554-5501	376-9732	851-4613	318-4484
Mike Grandbois	<i>Fire Commisioner</i>	5547		554-5547	376-9732		319-1123
Administration/Accts							
					Admin Spare Pager: TBA		
Nicole Evdokimoff	<i>Services Officer</i>	5523	5P5	554-5523	376-9732		851-6704
Mary Ann Leach	<i>Litigation Clerk</i>	5534	5P5L	554-5534	376-9732		
Patricia Collins	<i>Client Services</i>	5531	5P5P	554-5531	376-9732		
Judy Janzen	<i>Financial Sup.</i>	5524	5P5J	554-5524	376-9732		571-4408
Krissie Allison	<i>Reception</i>	5500	5P5A	554-5500	376-9732		
Nadine Swift	<i>Finance Clk</i>	5525	5P5N	554-5525	376-9732		
Heather Starchuk	<i>Finance Clk</i>	5956	5P5H	554-5956	376-9732		

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Nikki Rogers	<i>Finance Clk</i>	5956	5P5R	554-5956	376-9732			
Note: Dispatchers are not confined to one desk. Please inquire about which local to use.								
Dispatch								
Fire Control Officer 24 hrs		1-800-915-1925		554-7701	376-6549 / 8732		<i>851-6702</i>	
Dispatch Reception		5539		554-5539	376-6549/8732		<i>851-6701</i>	
Michaela Swan	<i>FCRm Sup.</i>	5515		554-5515	376-6549/8732			
Joe Wright	<i>A/FCRm Sup.</i>	5515	5P8	554-5515	376-6549/8732	<i>314-9460</i>	<i>319-5069</i>	
Elaine Biffert	<i>Dispatcher</i>	5519	5P8B	554-5519	376-6549/8732	<i>314-9462</i>	<i>574-2501</i>	
Lauren Koch	<i>Disp W Desk</i>	5519	5P8L	554-5519	376-6549/8732		<i>519-504-3106</i>	
	<i>Tactics Phone W Desk</i>	5542		554-5542	376-6549/8732			
Liz Anderson	<i>Disp NW Desk</i>	5546	5P8A	554-5546	376-6549/8732	<i>314-9464</i>	<i>778-220-3788</i>	
	<i>Tactics Phone NW Desk</i>	5545		554-5545	376-6549/8732			
Kaylee Follweiler	<i>Disp SW Desk</i>	5521	5P8F	554-5521	376-6549/8732	<i>314-9473</i>	<i>682-0550</i>	
	<i>Tactics Phone SW Desk</i>	5544		554-5544	376-6549/8732			
Ariana Westergaard	<i>Disp SW Desk</i>	5521	5P8W	554-5521	376-6549/8732	<i>314-6317</i>	<i>505-2323</i>	
	<i>Tactics Phone SW Desk</i>	5544		554-5544	376-6549/8732			
Kate Rudichuk	<i>Disp E Desk</i>	5520	5P8R	554-5520	376-6549/8732	<i>314-9472</i>	<i>574-2359</i>	
	<i>Tactics Phone E Desk</i>	5543		554-5543	376-6549/8732			
Sarah O'Neill	<i>Disp SE Desk</i>	5522	5P8S	554-5522	376-6549/8732	<i>314-9477</i>	<i>778-686-9024</i>	
	<i>Tactics Phone SE Desk</i>	5545		554-5545	376-6549/8732			
Dave Tweedhope	<i>Dispatcher</i>	5539	5P8T	554-	376-6549/8732			

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				5539				
Mag Grant	<i>Disp SW Desk</i>	5539	5P8G	554-5539	376-6549/8732		<i>802-4525</i>	
Kristin Tilbury	<i>Dispatcher</i>	5539	5P8M	554-5539	376-6549/8732	<i>314-9464</i>		
Cassie Dwyer	<i>Night Radio Operator</i>							
Donna	<i>Night Radio Operator</i>							
Fire Information								
Jeanne Rucker	<i>Fire Info Officer</i>	5532	5P88	554-5532	376-5439/9732	<i>851-3328</i>	<i>318-7456</i>	
Elise Riedlinger	<i>Fire Info Co-op</i>	5530	5P88R	554-5530	376-5439/9732	<i>314-9484</i>	<i>371-4538</i>	
Logistics & Plans								
			Logistics Spare Cell: TBA			Logistics Spare Pager: TBA		
Ken Devick	<i>Logistics</i>	5540	5P4D	554-5540	376-6549/8792	<i>314-3252</i>	<i>851-6703</i>	
Gerald Smith	<i>Plans</i>	5512	5P4S	554-5512	376-6549/8792	<i>314-9409</i>	<i>319-4209</i>	
Plans Desk #2 (Mapping Desk)		5535		554-5539	376-6549/8792			
Logistics Desk #2		5535		554-5535				
KFC Computer Systems & Regional Office Electronics (Radio Techs)								
Dan Stoelwinder	<i>Systems Tech</i>	5518	5P5S	554-5518	376-9732		<i>318-2150</i>	
April Sjodin <i>S. Int Rgn Radio Tech</i>			3RA14	828-4560	828-4626		<i>571-4537</i>	
Kevin Hryhchuk <i>A/ Elect Sup.</i>			3RA15	828-4561			<i>319-2808</i>	
Aviation								
Ken Westfall	<i>SPO Aviation</i>	5504	5P7	554-5504	376-9732		<i>851-6705</i>	
Jeff McDonnell	<i>Aviation</i>	5536	5P7M	554-	376-9732	<i>314-</i>	<i>319-6077</i>	

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<i>Specialist</i>			5536		8562		
Shawn Lund <i>Aviation Specialist</i>	5955	5P7L	554-5955	376-9732	314-9474	851-6188	
<i>Weather Tech</i>							
Paul Robertson	5517		554-5517	376-6549/3485		319-0940	
Paul Emmett	5517	5P4E	554-5954	376-6549/3485		371-7459	
George Blakey	5517		554-5517	376-6549/3485		571-4125	
Conference Rm B <i>(Birch Room)</i>	5502		554-5502	Pager Codes for Firecalls:			
Client Room #1 <i>(W of KFC Entr)</i>	5960		554-5960	5's for Response by Truck, 2's to Cancel, or a Phone Number to call			

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208 HUGHES ROAD, CASTLEGAR, B.C., VIN 4M5

ADMINISTRATION 250-365-4040 FAX 250-365-9925

FIRE CONTROL ROOM 250-365-4001 FAX 250-365-9919

24 HOUR NUMBER 250-304-2300

ADMINISTRATION		FAX 250-365-9925	WORK	CELL	RADIO
Fire Centre Manager	Gene Desnoyers		250-365-4046	250-365-9739	SE 1
Deputy Fire Centre Manager	Al Bond		250-365-4054	250-608-0156	SE 7
Sr. Protection Officer/Legal	Al Kneeland		250-365-4059	250-304-5108	SE 2
Sr. Protection Officer	Ron Kassian		250-365-4049	250-365-9792	SE 3
Sr. Protection Officer	John Knapik		250-365-4041	250-354-8188	SE 4
Fuel Management Specialist	Peter Hisch Rob Beugeling (Fax 250-426-1523)		250-417-4102	250-421-3115	SE 5
Forest Protection Officer	Derek Sommerville		250-426-1203	250-489-9267	SE 6
Forest Protection Tech Aviation Services Officer	Linda Campbell		250-365-4025	250-608-1995	SE 8
			250-365-4045	250-304-9891	SE 80
FIRE CONTROL		FAX 250-365-9919	WORK	CELL	RADIO
FIRE COORDINATION OFFICER			250-365-4007		
OPERATIONS OFFICER			250-365-4013		
OPERATIONS OFFICER			250-365-4032		
LOGISTICS	FAX 250-365-5298		250-365-4033/4034		
PLANNING	FAX 250-365-8519		250-365-4062		
GIS	Kyle Nadler		250-365-4010		250-551-2711
AVIATION	FAX 250-365-9927		250-365-4063 / 4018		
			250-365-4025		
PLANNING			250-365-4064		
F & A			250-365-4025		
C & E Officer					
FIRE CONTROL ROOM			250-365-4001		
FC Dispatcher Supervisor	Cindy Munns		250-365-4067	250-365-9545	SE 90
WEATHER		FAX 250-365-9926	WORK	RADIO	
Weather Forecaster	Ron Lakeman		250-365-4030		SE 9
	Jim Richards				SE 9A
	Jesse Ellis		250-365-4015		SE 9B
TANKER BASE		FAX 365-9924	WORK	RADIO	
Tanker Base Foreman	Avery Turner		250-365-4023		1P47
Dispatch Room			250-365-4021		
Air Attack Officer	Ross Noble		250-365-4051		1P43
Air Attack Officer	Dan Purcell		250-365-4052		1P44
Rev. Tanker Base			250-837-6136		

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Cran. Tanker Base Fax: 250-426-2977 250-426-2133

CRANBROOK (1)	FAX 426-0983
Mail: 1902 Theatre Road, Cranbrook, V1C 7G1	Physical Address: 2550 Stahl Rd on Hwy 3 Cranbrook BC V1C 7G1

		WORK	CELL	RADIO
Forest Protection Officer	Dennis Heigh	250-417-4110	250-919-4777	SE 10
Forest Protection Tech.	Mike Morrow	250-417-4111	250-417-9014	SE 11
Forest Protection Asst.	Cheryl Miller	250-417-4103	250-489-9263	SE 12
Forest Protection Tech.	Gary Casperson	250-417-4108	250-489-9268	SE 13
Forest Protection Asst.	Eric Antifaeff	250-417-4106	250-919-5865	SE 14
Rocky Mountain U/C Supervisor	Travis Opal	250-417-4109		Rocky 1
Warehouse		250-417-4114		
F & A Recorder		250-417-4105		
Fuels Management Specialist	Peter Hisch	250-417-4102	250-421-3115	SE 5

INVERMERE (2)	FAX 342-4320
Mail: Box 189, Invermere, V0A 1K0	Physical Address: 625 Fourth Street

		WORK	CELL	RADIO
Forest Protection Officer	Cy McConnell	250-342-4345	250-342-5216	SE 20
Forest Protection Tech.	Dave Gleave	250-342-4248	250-688-0246	SE 21
Forest Protection Tech.	Steve Levitt	250-342-4214	250-342-5217	SE 22
Forest Protection Asst.	Mark Weis	250-342-4258	250-342-5219	SE 23
Forest Protection Asst.	Perry Horning	250-342-4369	250-342-5218	SE 24
IA Crews - SE F, G, H, I		250-342-4259		

COLUMBIA REVELSTOKE (4)	Fax: 814-0367
Mail: Box 9158 RPO# 3, Revelstoke V0E 3K0	Physical Address: 2783 Airport Way

		WORK	CELL	RADIO
Forest Protection Officer	Glen Burgess	250-814-0349	250-837-8983	SE 40
Forest Protection Tech.	Brad Litke	250-814-0351	250-814-8510	SE 41
Forest Protection Asst.	Norm Koerber	250-814-0352	250-814-9865	SE 42
Forest Protection Asst.	Don Pegues	250-814-0354	250-837-8981	SE 43
Forest Protection Asst.	Steve Lemon	250-837-3234	250-814-8477	SE 44
Columbia Unit Crew Supervisor	Chad Smith	250-837-7182	TBA	Columbia 1
Columbia Unit Crew	Fax: 250-837-6475	Physical Address: 870 Westside Rd.		

GOLDEN Base (3)

Mail: c/o Box 39, Golden, V0A 1H0

Fax: 344-7598
Physical Address: 206 Fisher Road

		WORK	CELL	RADIO
Forest Protection Tech.	Steve Mitchell	250-344-7522	250-344-8375	SE 31
	Spare Desk	250-344-7710		

ARROW CASTLEGAR (5)	FAX 365-9929
Mail: 208 Hughes Road, Castlegar V1N 4M5	Physical Address: S. end of Castlegar Airport

		WORK	CELL	RADIO
Main Office Number		250-365-4060		

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Forest Protection Officer	Larry Nixon	250-365-4036	250-365-9797	SE 50
Forest Protection Tech.	Dan McBee	250-365-4003	250-608-0307	SE 55
Forest Protection Tech.	Jason Hall	250-365-4037	250-365-9480	SE 51
Forest Protection Asst.	vacant			SE 52
Forest Protection Asst.	Dan Levesque	250-365-4066	250-365-9308	SE 54
Forest Protection Asst.	Cliff Manning	250-365-4019		SE 56
Valhalla Unit Crew Supervisor	Chris Johnson	250-304-2004		Valhalla 1
Sentinel Unit Crew Supervisor	Andrew Voight	250-365-6579		Sentinel 1
Brilliant Base : 1833 Co-Op Lane Brilliant, BC V1N 4K2		250-365-6581		

Fax: 250-265-3753

NAKUSP BASE (55)

Mail Box 272, Nakusp, V0G 1R0

Physical Address: 2100 Hot Springs Road

		WORK	CELL	RADIO
Forest Protection Asst.	Brian Koster	250-265-3754	365-9429	SE 53

BOUNDARY (6)
Mail: 403 5980 2nd St. Grand Forks VOH 1H4: Physical Address: 2nd Street - East end Grand Forks Air Port

		WORK	CELL	RADIO
Main Office Number	250-442-0489			
Forest Protection Officer	Alvin Boyer	ext. 2221	250-442-7081	SE 60
	James			
Forest Protection Tech.	Katasonoff	ext. 2223	250-442-7082	SE 61
Forest Protection Asst.	Gary Shaw	ext. 2224	250-442-9668	SE 62
Forest Protection Asst.	Jim Rexin	ext. 2225		SE 63

ROCK CREEK BASE (6)

Mail to Boundary

Office	Fax: 250-446-2516	Phone 250-446-2212
Bunkhouse		Phone 250-446-2876

KOOTENAY LAKE NELSON (7)
Mail: 1907 Ridgewood Road, Nelson V1L 6K1 Physical Address: Hwy 3b -4 Mi- north of Nelson

		WORK	CELL	RADIO
Reception	250-825-1148			
Forest Protection Officer	Dennis Rexin	250-825-1192	250-354-8189	SE 70
Forest Protection Tech.	Jean Walters	250-825-1174	250-505-8336	SE 71
Forest Protection Tech.	Art Westerhaug	250-825-1194	250-354-8302	SE 72
Forest Protection Asst.	John Wylie	250-825-1193	250-354-8187	SE 73
Forest Protection Asst.	Paul Andersen	250-825-1149	250-357-8317	SE 74
IA Crews		250-825-1167		
IA Crews		250-825-1172		

Alaska

Forest Service		24 Hour: 907-743-9435 Fax :907-743-9479	
3301 C Street, Suite 202 Anchorage, Alaska 99503			
Name	Office	Cell	E-mail
Troy Hagan	907-743-9435	907-242-9435	thagan@fs.fed.us

National Park Service		24 Hour: 907-444-8788 Fax :907-644-3409	
240 W 5 th Avenue Room 114 Anchorage, Alaska, 99501			
Name	Office	Cell	E-mail
Dan Warthin	907-644-3409	907-444-8788	Dan_Warthin@nps.gov

Idaho

Idaho Department of Lands		Coeur d'Alene Dispatch Center	
Fax 208-769-1524		24-hr phone 208-772-3283 Fax: 208-762-6909 idcdc@dms.nwcg.gov	
Name	Office	Cell	E-mail
Brian Shiplett	208-666-8650	208-755-4939	bshiplett@idl.idaho.gov
Jim Newton	208-666-8651	208-755-6762	jnewton@idl.idaho.gov

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Idaho Panhandle National Forests		Coeur d'Alene Interagency Dispatch Center (ID-CDC)	
11569 N. Airport Drive Hayden, ID 83835 (208) 772-3283		Duty Officer (after hours): 208-772-3283 Fax: 208-762-6909 idcdc@dms.nwcg.gov	
Name	Office	Cell	E-mail
Mark Grant Forest Fire Mgmt Officer	208-765-7499	208-661-9548	mgrant@fs.fed.us
Craig Glazier Deputy Fire Mgmt Specialist	208-765-7494	208-659-1131	cglazier@fs.fed.us
Sally Estes Center Manager	208-762-6904	208-659-1346	saestes@fs.fed.us
Bob Wing	208-762-6901	208-863-7407	bwing@fs.fed.us

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Unit Aviation Officer			
Matt Butler Priest Lake Fire Mgmt Officer	208-443-6849	208-290-4668	mobutler@fs.fed.us
Dave Lux Bonners Ferry and Sandpoint Fire Mgmt Officer	208-267-6719 (BF) 208-265-6662 (SP)	208-290-5750	kwestfall@fs.fed.us

Montana

State of Montana DNRC

The following is the call down order for resource requests.

Name	Office	Night or 24-hr	Cell	E-mail
Northern Rockies Coordination Center	(406) 329-4880	(406) 329-4880 has instructions	(406) 544-2632	mtnrc@dms.nwcg.gov
Ray Nelson Direct Protection Coordinator	(406)329-4996	(406) 329-4880 Ask for State Fire Coordinator	(406) 544-3473	rnelson@mt.gov
John Monzie Deputy Chief, Fire Operations	(406) 542-4220	(406) 721-6491 home	(406) 544-7383	jmonzie@mt.gov
Bruce Suenram, Deputy Chief, Preparedness	(406) 542-4223	(406) 442-6789 Home	(406) 546-3479	bsuenram@mt.gov
Ted Mead Fire & Aviation Mgmt Bureau Chief	(406) 542-4304	(406) 549-6577 home	(406) 240-1004	tmead@mt.gov

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Flathead National Forest 1935 3rd Avenue East Kalispell, MT 59901		Kalispell Interagency Dispatch Center (KIC) Duty Officer (24 hour): 406-758-5260 Fax: 406-758-5393 mtfdc@dms.nwcg.gov	
Name	Office	Cell	E-mail
Rick Connell Forest Fire Mgmt Officer	406-758-5261	406-250-5230	rconnell@fs.fed.us
Carol Bienhold KIC Center Manager	406-758-6486	406-253-9091	cbienhold@fs.fed.us
Kara Stringer Asst KIC Center manager	406-758-5253	406-253-9089	kstringer@fs.fed.us
Brian Ruffing Forest Aviation Officer	406-750-5330	406270-0989	bruffing@fs.fed.us
Kim Emerson DNRC IA Dispatcher	406-758-5328		Kemerson@fs.fed.us
Anthony Butterfield FS/NPS IA Dispatcher	406-758-5306		mnielsen@fs.fed.us

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Kootenai National Forest 1101 Hwy 2 West Libby, MT 59923 (406) 293 - 6211		Kootenai Interagency Dispatch Center (KIDC) Duty Officer (after hours): 406-334-0239 Fax: 406-283-7710 mtkdc@dms.nwcg.gov	
Name	Office	Cell	E-mail
Charlie Webster Forest Fire Mgmt Officer	406-283-7733	406-293-5785 home	cwebster@fs.fed.us
Frank Waterman Center Manager	406-283-7740	406-334-0239 DO Cell Phone	fwaterman@fs.fed.us
Steve Lefever Assist. Center Manager	406-283-7739		slefever@fs.fed.us
Mickey Carr Dispatch Clerk	406-283-7739		mccarr@fs.fed.us

NPS

Glacier National Park Glacier National Park West Glacier, MT 59936 Fire Cache: 406- 888-7810 FAX: 406-888-7946		Kalispell Interagency Dispatch Center (KIC) Duty Officer (24 hour): 406-758-5260 Fax: 406-758-5393 mtfdc@dms.nwcg.gov	
Name	Office	Cell	E-mail
Dave Soleim Fire Mgmt Officer	406-888-5803	406-471-0182	dave_soleim@nps.gov
Mitch Burgard Rx Fire Specialist/AFMO	406-888-7811	406-250-9969	mitch_burgard@nps.gov
Dennis Divoky Fire Effects Specialist	406-888-5801	406-250-6099	dennis_devoky@nps.gov
Biddy Simet Fire Program Asst	406-888-5802		biddy_simet@nps.gov
Jeremy Harker Operations Specialist	406-888-7812	406-270-5148	Jeremy_harker@nps.gov

BLM:

Note: No BLM protection in Region 1 (Montana & North Idaho) adjacent to British Columbia

Washington

Department of Natural Resources

Washington Department of Natural Resources PO Box 47037 Olympia, Washington 98504		24-hour Fire Phone 1-800-562-6010 Fax: 360-902-1781		
Name	Office	Night or 24-hr	Cell	E-mail
Mark Gray, Resources Protection	360-902-1754		360-807-5182	Mark

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Division Manager, Ops				.Gray@dnr.wa.gov ZMark
Albert Kassel Emergency Ops Manager	360-902-1316			albert.kassel@wadnr.gov
Judie Cline Resource Protection Asst Division Mgr, Business	360-902-1708		360-790-3893	judie.cline@wadnr.gov
Jeanne Abbott	360-902-1304	360-971-1478 pager	360-480-4333	
Jennifer Flemister	360-902-1746	360-402-1819	360-480-1819	

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Colville National Forest 7765 S Main Colville WA 99114		Dispatch 509-684-7194 Fax 509-684-7281 After Hours 509-684-7218	
Name	Office	Cell	E-mail
Steve Rawlings Forest Fire Management Officer	(509) 684-7222	509-675-1835	srawlings@fs.fed.us
Leon Mitchell, Assistant Forest Fire Management Officer	509-684-7222	509-675-1319	lmitchell@fs.fed.us
Rette Bidstrup, NE WA Interagency Communicaations Center Manager	509-684-7474	509-675-1320	rette.bidstrup@dnr.wa.gov

Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest 2930 Wetmore Avenue, Suite #A Everett, WA 98201		Puget Sound Interagency Coordination Center Duty Officer: 425-783-6150 After Hours: 425-783-6150, recording will direct to current duty officer Fax: 425-783-0239 wapsc@dms.nwcg.gov	
Name	Office	Cell	E-mail
Anthony Engel, Fire Staff Officer	425-783-6070	360-961-1389	aengel@fs.fed.us
John Heckman, Assitant Fire Staff Officer	425-783-6071	425-210-5964	jheckman@fs.fed.us

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forests 215 Melody Lane Wenatchee, WA 98801		Central Washington Interagency Communication Center Dispatch: 509-884-3473 Fax: 509-884-3549 After Hours: 509-663-8575 wacwc@dms.nwcg.gov	
Name	Office	Cell	E-mail
Mark Hayes Center Manager	509-884-3473		Mark.hayes@dnr.wa.gov
Bobbie Scopa Forest Fire Mgmt Officer	509-664-9333	509-421-3123	bscopa@fs.fed.us
Mike Liu Methow Valley Dist Ranger	509-996-4027		mliu@fs.fed.us
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North Cascades National Park Fire Management Program 7280 Ranger Station Rd HQ Marblemount, WA 98267		Puget Sound Interagency Coordination Center Duty Officer: 425-744-3278 After Hours: 425-744-3255 Fax: 425-744-3255 wapsc@dms.nwcg.gov	
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Appendix D.

PROCEDURES FOR CROSSING INTERNATIONAL BORDERS FOR WILDLAND FIRE SUPPRESSION UNDER THE NORTHWEST FIRE COMPACT & NORTHWEST BORDER ARRANGEMENT

1) GENERAL INFORMATION:

On March 1st, 2003 the United States (US) consolidated the Customs, Immigration, and some Agriculture functions under the Department of Homeland Security. The new agency created to handle border functions was called **US Customs and Border Protection (CBP)** and combined the former US Customs Service, US Immigration and Naturalization Service, and US Department of Agriculture border Inspectors, as well as the US Customs Air Branch and the US Border Patrol into its structure. Subsequently, the Canadian government completed a similar reorganization of its border agencies and created the **Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA)**. These are the primary agencies you will dealing with in all cross-border responses.

When deploying across the U.S./Canada border it is important to remember that you will be dealing with two different nations, each with different laws, rules and procedures. It is also important to remember that these agency officials have important jobs to do and although they will give due consideration to the emergency nature of your trip, you must comply with, and are subject to, all the relevant rules and regulations. Both CBP and CBSA officials have reassured us that they will make every effort to accommodate an expedient crossing provided that they have been provided (in advance if possible) with all the necessary documentation.

Think of your border crossing in three parts: authority, people and equipment. Each part must be fully documented to comply with the requirements of the country they are entering.

PRIORITIES:

- Personnel should carry adequate Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) compliant identification, and proof of citizenship, ideally a valid passport. Requirements are changing as of June 1st, 2009 and will impact fire crews. **WARNING:** personnel with criminal records may be refused entry to both the United States and Canada. Please advise your crews that this is an issue, and if they have any doubts about their admissibility to the country where they are being deployed, they should resolve them prior to deployment.
- Contraband of any type is prohibited and can result in penalties or arrest. The importation of firearms is strictly regulated in both the United States and Canada and for the purposes of this agreement firearms are prohibited.
- Before leaving your home base, insure that your inventory of equipment and supplies is accurate and that your personnel manifest is fully complete.

- When responding to an incident, the dispatcher providing information to the border officials can request priority to the head of the line when crossing the border. Be specific about the crossing being used and the time of arrival, and nature of the incident.
- When returning, priority crossing will not be considered and all necessary documentation and manifests must be complete, unless the resource is en route to another incident. If crews are returning by air, please ensure that Customs and Border Protection officials are notified in advance and arrangements have been made to complete any outbound documentation or inspections.
- Where possible, all documentation should be on official CBP or CBSA forms and all accompanying letters and authorizations must be on official fire agency letterhead. Electronic manifests often provide a better copy than faxed/copied versions; contact the intended crossing point for the best email address to use.

2) **AUTHORITY**

The fact that the deployment is by a federal, state or provincial government at the official request of another federal, state or provincial government should be documented in some manner on official letterhead and supported by copies of the resource order. This assists border officials in verifying the official nature of the deployment.

3) **PEOPLE**

- Everyone crossing the border is subject to the laws of the country they are entering and personnel with criminal convictions may be refused entry, and those with outstanding warrants may be detained.
- Adequate WHTI compliant identification/ and proof of citizenship should be carried at all times when crossing the border. Proper ID helps determine who you are; it must have a recent photograph, and be issued by a government authority (driver's license, photo identification or similar.) Proof of citizenship establishes your nationality. A; a passport, U.S. passport card, or enhanced driver's license is now required the best, but a birth certificate (including the wallet sized variety issued in Canada), or a naturalization certificate, will also be acceptable in conjunction with the photo ID. This is in the process of change:.
- Effective January 2007, the United States began implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), which requires all persons to establish their citizenship with a valid passport. Under the first phase of the program, which is currently in effect, all persons arriving by air are required to present a valid passport or other acceptable documentary evidence of identity/citizenship. Under the second phase, beginning in January 2008, all persons arriving by land and sea will also be required to present a valid passport or other acceptable documentary evidence of identity/citizenship.

U.S. BOUND - CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

- U.S. immigration law requires that every person entering the United States must apply for admission in person; ID and citizenship documents will be verified. Canadian Fire agencies should ensure that crew manifests are on official agency letterhead. These should be faxed in advance to the Port of Entry to speed processing. Crewmembers with criminal convictions may not be admissible to the United States; if there is any question this should be clarified in advance by speaking with CBP Officers at the intended port of arrival.

Normally fire crews will be paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and a form I-94 will be issued to each person to document their entry. Whoever is keeping documents for the strike team should ask for and receive a validated copy of the crew manifest and keep that as a backup document.

- Pilots and crews arriving by air must also provide advance manifests. Manifests may be sent electronically or faxed (consult with the Port of Entry official).

Note: It is VERY important to make sure PRIOR TO BOARDING that all crewmembers arriving by air are properly documented for entry into the United States.

CANADA BOUND - CANADA BORDER SERVICES AGENCY

- Canadian Immigration Regulation 19(1)(j) allows for entry, without employment authorization, of personnel coming to Canada to assist in an emergency situation. CBSA is flexible with regard to inspection, especially for air transport. Crew manifests should be faxed or electronically provided in advance. Any medical/physical conditions should be identified on the manifest.
- Persons with criminal records (such as a driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence conviction) may be inadmissible to Canada. If the entry is essential to the success of the emergency response, then a discretionary entry or entry under a Ministers Permit may be considered. In either case, payment of a processing fee (C\$200) is required (Visa or Mastercard). Prior notification would help processing.
- Persons registered under the “Indian Act” may enter into Canada freely, even if not Canadian citizens. Canada, however, is not a signatory to the Jay Treaty and many U.S. tribes do not receive reciprocity.
- In case there is some confusion on emergency procedures quote Customs memo: “D Memorandum, 8-1-1 paragraph 44 and appendix G”.

4) EQUIPMENT

U.S. BOUND - CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

- The requesting U.S. Fire Agency should notify the designated border crossing CBP Port Director or Supervisory CBP Officer as soon as practical (by phone and fax on agency letterhead) that emergency equipment and material will be arriving from Canada (provide ETA and destination).
- The responding Canadian Fire Agency- should fax manifest of equipment (on US CBP Form 7533 if possible) to designated Port Director or Supervisory CBP Officer at the port of intended arrival. Crews or trucks arriving at border must also carry the manifest. Information on the equipment and materials manifest can be of a general nature (number of pumps on engine, amount of foam, numbers of shovels etc).
- Airlift of Equipment: CBP officials must be provided with a manifest of equipment and materials and these may need to be inspected at airport of arrival. Not all airports are designated for Customs clearance, and not all airports have full-time staff.
- Plan ahead and speak to a CBP Officer at the location where you intend to arrive.

U.S. BOUND - SPECIAL CONCERNS FOR AIRCRAFT ARRIVALS

- ✈ Arrivals by aircraft will be treated similar to those at the land border. However, every effort should be made to identify inadmissible crew-members, prior to departure for the United States.
- ✈ Aircraft that will actually land in the United States must arrive and clear at a designated CBP airport. Except in very rare circumstances, all aircraft must report for inspection at an Airport of Entry prior to proceeding to a fire scene; those exceptions MUST be coordinated in advance through the Service Port Director and the nearest Border Patrol Sector, and the Air Marine Operations Center (AMOC) in Riverside, California.
- ✈ Aircraft fire operations may include air observer flights or fire retardant drops where the aircraft does not actually land in the United States. It is important that these be properly coordinated with the Air Marine Operations Center (AMOC) and Border Patrol as noted below.
- ✈ AMOC is familiar with and recognizes distinct “squawk” codes to forestry and firefighting aircraft operating near the border. However, when any fire operations are taking place near the border and between ports of entry, AMOC (1-800-553-9072) and the nearest Border Patrol Sector must be contacted. 1255 is the squawk assigned to firefighting aircraft unless some other emergency code has been designated by the FAA for a specific mission.

CANADA BOUND - BORDER SERVICES AGENCY

- The requesting Canadian Fire Agency- should notify the designated CBSA Superintendent by fax and on agency letterhead, that emergency equipment and material will be arriving from the U.S. (provide ETA and destination).
- The responding U.S. Fire Agency should provide a manifest of equipment coming into Canada preferably by fax and prior to arrival at the border crossing. Manifest (Form E29B) can be of a general nature (number of pumps on the engine, amount of foam,

shovels etc.). Form E29B must also be handed in when leaving Canada, indicating what is being left behind (what was consumed).

Note: Prior to entering Canada, also stop at the U.S. Port of Entry and complete a U.S. Customs Form 4455 and have it validated by a CBP Officer. This helps establish that your listed equipment is of U.S. origin when you return.

- Airlift of equipment: Custom officials must be faxed the necessary manifest. Equipment may be inspected at destination at the prerogative of the Customs Officer.

NOTE: In most cases, any lost, damaged or destroyed equipment should be paid for by the receiving agency. Replacing lost or destroyed equipment causes numerous problems with clearances, taxes and replacement quality.

5) CANADIAN CUSTOMS CONTACT NUMBERS (24 hours):

Program Services (Vancouver, B.C.)	(604) 666-0450
Pacific Highway/Douglas, B.C.	(604) 538-3635
Osoyoos, B.C.	(250) 495-7518
Kingsgate, BC	(250) 424-5391
Victoria, B.C.	(250) 363-3339
Rykerts, B.C.	(250) 428-2575
Chief Mountain, Alberta (seasonal)	(403) 653-3152
Coutts, Alberta	(403) 344-3772
Beaver Creek, Yukon	(867) 862-7230
Telephone Reporting Centre (CANPASS) (for small aircraft and boats)	1-888-226-7277

In case there is some confusion on emergency procedures quote Customs memo "D Memorandum, 8-1-1 paragraph 44 and appendix G"

6) UNITED STATES CONTACT NUMBERS (24 hours):

Contact the Port Director or Supervisory CBP Officer at the Port of Entry you plan to enter through. They can directly facilitate your movement and are the best points of contact. The list that follows covers port locations starting in the west and moving eastward.

Customs and Border Protection has also established a coordinator for Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota and Minnesota to deal with any problems that arise and to assist you with overall policy issues and advance planning:

Bob Gadsby, Supervisory CBP Officer, Great Falls, Montana
406-453-0861 (airport office)
406-453-5688 (fax)

406-788-9810 (cellular)
gadsby@dhs.gov

NOTE: In an emergency, if unavailable at any of these numbers, call CBP's National Communications Center at 1-800-XSECTOR (800-973-2867) and request that the dispatcher contact SCBPO Gadsby or his designate.

UNITED STATES CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION
Northwest Ports and Port Hours (Bold type = 24 hour Port)

PORT LOCATION	PHONE	FAX	HOURS/DAY OF WEEK	
ALCAN, AK	907-774-2252	907-774-2020		
PORT ANGELES, WA (Ferry)	360-457-4311	360-457-7514		
ANACORTES, WA (Ferry)	360-293-2331	360-293-4422		
BLAINE, WA	360-332-6318 360-332-4656	360-332-4701	24 HOUR PORT	7 DAYS A WEEK
LYNDEN, WA	360-354-2183	360-354-2706	24 HOUR PORT	7 DAYS A WEEK
SUMAS, WA	360-988-2971	360-988-6300	24 HOUR PORT	7 DAYS A WEEK
NIGHTHAWK, WA	509-476-2125	509-476-3799	9 AM – 5 PM	7 DAYS A WEEK
OROVILLE, WA	509-476-2955	509-476-2465	24 HOUR PORT	7 DAYS A WEEK
DANVILLE, WA	509-779-4862		8 AM – MIDNIGHT	7 DAYS A WEEK
LAURIER, WA	509-684-2100		8 AM – MIDNIGHT	7 DAYS A WEEK
FRONTIER, WA	509 732-6215		6 AM – MIDNIGHT 8 AM – MIDNIGHT	MON THRU FRI SAT AND SUN
FERRY, WA	509-779-4655	509-779-0505	9 AM – 5 PM	7 DAYS A WEEK
BOUNDARY, WA	509-732-6674		9 AM – 5 PM	7 DAYS A WEEK
METALINE FALLS, WA	509-446-4421		8 AM – MIDNIGHT	7 DAYS A WEEK
MOSES LAKE, WA (Airport)	509-762-2667		8 AM – 5 PM ALL OTHER	MON THRU SAT APPOINTMENT ONLY
SPOKANE, WA (Airport)	509-353-2833		8 AM – 5 PM ALL OTHER	MON THRU SAT APPOINTMENT ONLY
PORTHILL, ID	208-267-5309 208-267-5645	208-267-1014 208-267-7166	7 AM – 11 PM	JAN 1 – DEC 31
EASTPORT, ID	208 267-3966 208-267-2183	208-267-4138 208-267-3011	24 HOUR PORT	7 DAYS A WEEK
ROOSVILLE, MT	406 889-3865 406-889-3737	406-889-5076	24 HOUR PORT	7 DAYS A WEEK

PORT LOCATION	PHONE	FAX	HOURS/DAY OF WEEK	
CHIEF MOUNTAIN, MT [Glacier National Park] Summer Station Only	403 653-3317		9 AM – 6 PM 7 AM – 10 PM 9 AM – 6 PM	MAY 15 – MAY 31 JUN 1 – LABOR DAY DAY AFTER LABOR DAY TO SEP 30
PIEGAN, MT	406 732-5572	406-732-5574	7 AM – 11 PM	JAN 1 – DEC 31
DEL BONITA, MT	406 336-2130	406-336-2135	9 AM – 6 PM 8 AM – 9 PM	SEP 16 – MAY 31 JUN 1 – SEP 15
SWEETGRASS, MT	406 335-9630 406-335-9601	406-335-2611 406-335-9631	24 HOUR PORT	7 DAYS A WEEK
CUT BANK, MT (Airport; managed by SWEETGRASS POE)	406-335-9630 406-873-4352	406-335-2611	24 HOUR PORT BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	7 DAYS A WEEK BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
WHITLASH, MT	406-432-5522	406-432-5528	9 AM – 5 PM	JAN 1 – DEC 31
WILD HORSE, MT	406-394-2371	406-394-2398	8 AM – 5 PM 8 AM – 9 PM	OCT 1 – MAY 14 MAY 15 – SEP 30
WILLOW CREEK, MT	406-398-5512	406-398-5397	9 AM – 5 PM	JAN 1 – DEC 31
TURNER, MT	406-379-2651	406-379-2614	9 AM – 6 PM 8 AM – 9 PM	SEP 16 – MAY 31 JUN 1 – SEP 15
MORGAN, MT	406-674-5248	406-674-5237	9 AM – 6 PM 8 AM – 9 PM	SEP 16 – MAY 31 JUN 1 – SEP 15
OPHEIM, MT	406-724-3212	406-724-3370	9 AM – 6 PM 8 AM – 9 PM	SEP 16 – MAY 31 JUN 1 – SEP 15
SCOBAY, MT	406-783-5375 406-783-5372	406-783-5287	9 AM – 6 PM 8 AM – 9 PM	OCT 1 – MAY 14 MAY 15 – SEP 30
WHITETAIL, MT	406-779-3531	406-779-3358	9 AM – 6 PM 8 AM – 9 PM	SEP 16 – MAY 31 JUN 1 – SEP 15
RAYMOND, MT	406-895-2664 406-895-2620	406-895-2635 406-895-2632	24 HOUR PORT	7 DAYS A WEEK
HELENA, MT (Airport; also covers BUTTE)	406-495-2195	406-495-2104	9 AM – 5 PM AFTER HOURS BY APPOINTMENT	MON – FRI

PORT LOCATION	PHONE	FAX	HOURS/DAY OF WEEK	
GREAT FALLS, MT (Airport)	406-453-0861 406-788-9810	406-453-5688	8 AM – 4 PM AFTER HOURS BY APPOINTMENT	7 DAYS A WEEK
KALISPELL, MT (Airport)	406-257-7034	406-257-7038	9AM – 5 PM AFTER HOURS BY APPOINTMENT	MON – FRI

CANADIAN BORDER OFFICES

PORT LOCATION	PHONE	FAX	HOURS/DAY OF WEEK	
ADEN, AB/ WHITLASH, MT	403-344-2244	403-344-2244	9 AM – 5 PM	JAN 1 – DEC 31
ALDERGROVE, BC/ LYNDEN, WA	604-856-2791	604-856-6482	24 HOUR PORT	7 DAYS A WEEK
BEAVER CREEK, YT/ ALCAN, AK	867-862-7230	867-862-7613	24 HOUR PORT	7
BIG BEAVER, SK/ WHITETAIL, MT	306-267-2276	306-267-2087	9 AM – 6 PM 8 AM – 9 PM	SEP 16 – MAY 31 JUN 1 – SEP 15
BOUNDARY BAY, BC/ POINT ROBERTS, WA	604-943-2722	604-943-6892	24 HOUR PORT	7
CARSON, BC/ DANVILLE, WA	250 442 -5551	250-442-2399	8 AM – MIDNIGHT	7 DAYS A WEEK
CARWAY, AB/ PIEGAN, MT	403-653-3009	403-653-1026	7 AM – 11 PM	JAN 1 – DEC 31
CASCADE, BC/ LAURIER, WA	250-447-9418	250-447-6366	8 AM – MIDNIGHT	7 DAYS A WEEK
CHIEF MOUNTAIN, AB/ CHIEF MOUNTAIN, MT (Glacier National Park; Summer Station Only)	403-653-3535	403-653-3535	9 AM – 6 PM 7 AM – 10 PM 9 AM – 6 PM	MAY 15 – MAY 31 JUN 1 – LABOR DAY DAY AFTER LABOR DAY TO SEP 30
CHOPAKA, BC/ NIGHTHAWK, WA	250-499-5176	250-499-2845	9 AM – 5 PM	7 DAYS A WEEK
CLIMAX, SK/ TURNER, MT	306-293-2262	306-293-2141	9 AM – 6 PM 8 AM – 9 PM	SEP 16 – MAY 31 JUN 1 – SEP 15
CORONACH, SK/ SCOBEY, MT	306-267-2177	306-267-6080	9 AM – 6 PM 8 AM – 9 PM	OCT 1 – MAY 14 MAY 15 – SEP 30
COUTTS, AB/ SWEETGRASS, MT	403-344-3766	403-344-3094	24 HOUR PORT	7 DAYS A WEEK
DEL BONITA, AB/ DEL BONITA, MT	403-758-3616	403-758-6225	9 AM – 6 PM 8 AM – 9 PM	SEP 16 – MAY 31 JUN 1 – SEP 15

FRASER, YT/	867-821-4111	867-821-4112	24 HOUR PORT	7
HUNTINGDON, BC/ SUMAS, WA	604-850-9346	604-852-7348	24 HOUR PORT	7 DAYS A WEEK
KINGSGATE, BC/ EASTPORT, ID	250-424-5391	250-424-5355	24 HOUR PORT	7 DAYS A WEEK
MIDWAY, BC/ FERRY, WA	250-449-2331	250-449-2354	9 AM – 5 PM	7 DAYS A WEEK
MONCHY,SK/ MORGAN, MT	306-298-2232	250-298-2046	9 AM – 6 PM 8 AM – 9 PM	SEP 16 – MAY 31 JUN 1 – SEP 15
NELWAY, BC/ METALINE FALLS, WA	250-357-9940	250-357-9688	8 AM – MIDNIGHT	7 DAYS A WEEK
OSOYOOS, BC/ OROVILLE, WA	250-495-7518	250-495-7699	24 HOUR PORT	7 DAYS A WEEK
PACIFIC HIGHWAY, BC/ BLAINE, WA	604-538-3611	604-538-0293	24 HOUR PORT	7 DAYS A WEEK
PATERSON, BC /FRONTIER, WA	250-362-7341	250-362-7747	24 HOUR PORT	7
ROOSVILLE, BC/ ROOSVILLE, MT	250-887-3413	250-887-3247	24 HOUR PORT	7 DAYS A WEEK
Rykerts, BC/ PORTHILL, ID	250-428-2575	250-428-5310	7 AM – 11 PM	JAN 1 – DEC 31
SIDNEY, BC/ ANACORTES, WA (Ferry)	250-363-6644	250-363-6764		7
STEWART,BC/	250-636-2747	250-636-2748		7
VICTORIA, BC/ PORT ANGELES, WA (Ferry)	250-336-3339	250-363-3179		7
WANETA, BC/ BOUNDARY, WA	250-367-9656	250-367-6387	9 AM – 5 PM	7 DAYS A WEEK
WEST POPLAR RIVER, SK/ OPHEIM, ND	306-476-2320	306-476-2151	9 AM – 6 PM 8 AM – 9 PM	SEP 16 – MAY 31 JUN 1 – SEP 15
WILLOW CREEK,SK/ WILLOW CREEK, MT	306-299-4456	306-299-4458	9 AM – 5 PM	JAN 1 – DEC 31

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- 1) Resource Information
 - a. Obtain aircraft tail numbers of all aircraft from Yukon Duty Officer
 - b. Obtain the names and date of birth of all flight crew-members
 - c. Obtain citizenship of all flight crew-members

- 2) Notify U.S. CBP Officer Doug Harmon (907-774-2252) of plan to move Yukon Air Tanker(s) and Birddog into Alaska. Provide the above info in a, b and c. Provide fire location. Notify CBP of estimated arrival times. Inform CBP whether the Tanker will do a single drop and immediately return to the Yukon (“splash and dash”) or if the ship will be reloading in Alaska. If the latter, include the name of the Alaska tanker base that the aircraft will be operating from. If known, provide estimated times of departure from Alaska.

- 3) Upon arrival at the Alaska tanker base, the flight crew leader will need to establish contact with CBP officials at 907-774-2252. State Coordinator (or designee) must ensure that this phone contact occurs.

Release back to YT

- 1) Notify U.S. CBP (907-774-2252) when the aircraft is released back to Canada. CBP requests that Yukon Territory aircraft depart Alaska through Northway. This will enable the flight crew to “clear” Customs outbound. However, damage resulting from the Denali Fault Earthquake in November of 2003 may limit access to Northway. If aircraft are unable to land at Northway on their way out of Alaska, the aircraft will bypass CBP and proceed directly to their home base in the Yukon Territory. In this event, the State Coordinator at AICC will notify CBP by phone and provide written notice within 10 days of the aircrafts’ return to the Yukon Territory. The notice should include the date and time of departure and the number of days spent in Alaska.

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Appendix E

Airspace Border Crossing Protocol/Use of Canadian Airtankers

GENERAL PROCEDURES

Special considerations will be given to the use and management of aviation resources as part of this Border Arrangement. The use of aircraft (i.e. Aerial Retardant and Birddogs, ATGS, Lead Plane, Aerial Supervision Modules, Fixed Wing reconnaissance, and helicopters) will be coordinated with due consideration of each agencies policies and directives for aircraft use.

Joint reconnaissance in both fixed wing and helicopter is both desirable and needed for dealing with large wildfires along the border. Each agencies policies will be followed such that if a BC Forest Service Fire Fighter flies in a Forest Service or Department of Interior Aircraft they will be required to meet agency Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) standards, be manifested, briefed, and a load calculation completed prior to any mission. Transport of personnel can occur along the border or within the established common zone utilizing the mandatory protocols agreed to with the US and Canada Customs agencies. US federal personnel flying in Canadian Aircraft will require that the Canadian Aircraft be carded and inspected by the responsible Forest Service and/or Department of Interior (DOI) Aircraft Services (OAS) representative.

Use of Aerial Delivered Retardant is currently covered by CIFC/NIFC Directives and local Operating Plan Arrangements. Canadian Air Tankers maybe reloaded at American Bases but American Air Tankers cannot be reloaded at Canadian facilities until the retardant is approved for use in American Contract Aircraft.

I. Border Crossing Protocols

The proposal is to support aviation activities along the American/Canadian border for fire suppression operations managed by an Incident Management Team. The operations may also include air transport of fire personnel, use of air tankers, helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft as well as the establishment of helicopter bases in either the United States or Canada. The helicopters and other incident related aircraft would be flown VFR under 14 CFR Part 91.

In addition, there will be aircraft involved which are based in Canada and the US. These aircraft will return to an airport, either the airport from which they departed or to another airport located within their country of origin with no intervening landings.

II. Current Regulations Addressing Border Crossing Flights by Aircraft

The US NOTAM Office has issued several NOTAMS (Notifications to Airmen) as regulatory requirements regarding international flights originating inside or outside the United States. FDC NOTAMS issued by the FAA must be monitored continuously for changes and will govern operations. Border crossing protocol may require updates as need to comply with NOTAMS currently in effect. Current airspace information and links to the US NOTAM Office may be accessed at www.fs.fed.us/r6/fire/aviation/airspace.

III. Example of Requirements that May Be Stated in FDC NOTAMS

The aircraft must be registered in the United States or Canada.

The flight crew and only known passengers are on board.

The pilot files and activates a flight plan.

The pilot is in communication with the governing ATC (Air Traffic Control) facility at the time of the boundary crossing.

The aircraft is squawking the ATC assigned discreet beacon code.

The pilot complies with all US Customs notifications and complies with requirements to land at airports in the US or Canada designated as ports of entry.

Part 91 VFR operations are authorized for aircraft with a maximum certificated take off gross weight of 95,000 pounds or less between the countries of the United States and Canada.

Pilots are authorized to depart VFR when actively engaged in fire fighting operations and during the associated flight operations they may be exempt from a beacon code requirement.

The terms “Overfly” and Overflight” refer to any flight departing from an airport/location outside the U.S., its territories or possessions, which transits the territorial airspace of the U.S. en-route to an airport/location outside the U.S., its territories or possessions.

The FAA Recommends:

The National Firefighting Transponder Code (1255) is to be used by all firefighting aircraft (Canadian and US) in place of a discreet beacon code.

A filed flight plan may not be necessary.

Transport Canada (Canada’s FAA) will set up Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR) for the Canadian portions of the fire incidents crossing into Canada. Coordination with the US Incident Management Teams will be facilitated by providing latitude/longitude coordinates for all temporary bases.

Transport Canada recommends:

Canadian airspace restrictions for fire operations, if initiated or requested by US authorities should come through a Canadian Fire Center.

Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

TSA has stated that border crossing fire suppression flights are considered law enforcement type flights (in response to a natural disaster) and are not required to have a waiver for FDC NOTAM 2/5319 “Operations to/from locations outside the United States”. However, fire fighting aircraft are still obligated to meet all other air traffic requirements of FDC NOTAM 2/5319 (reference FAA section above).

AMOC (Air Marine Operations Center) has agreed to the following:

AMOC, March Air Reserve Base agrees to host a designated U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or National Park Service (NPS) Liaison and Air Safety Officer as deemed necessary on a full or part time basis.

AMOC will provide detection system familiarization, and training, office space, phone etc. as necessary. This Liaison Officer (LNO) will have full and direct access to all AMOC LNO's from Border Patrol (BCBP), First Air Force (WADS, SEADS, NEADS), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and the US Coast Guard.

AMOC will assist in the de-confliction of the law enforcement and firefighting aviation missions with the common goal of air safety. Call 1-800-553-9072 and provide the following information:

- Purpose (wildland fire suppression)
- Aircraft tail number
- Aircraft transponder code
- Aircraft type
- Time
- Latitude and Longitude (general location)

Custom and Border Protection stated the following:

They have no additional requirements or issues with the proposed border crossing protocol if FAA and AMOC's requirements are met.

Incident Management Teams will provide the following:

The daily projected number of border crossings by aircraft type and/or aircraft ID number. This information will be called into the Field Airspace Coordinator or other designated agency person for use by AMOC. Transfer of this information by 0800 each day will be through the incident internet web-site or e-mail system.

A briefing to all involved pilots on interception procedures
(reference AIM section 5-6-4)

See also Appendix D.

United States Federal Aviation Policy
Wildland Fire Suppression

The following aviation policies and procedures apply to all United States federal agencies with responsibility for wildland fire suppression. The purpose of this supplement is to provide information to Canadian firefighting forces.

Aerial Supervision

Air Tactical Group Supervisor (ATGS)

Aerial supervision over wildfires is accomplished in different ways depending on the situation. An ATGS may be on scene at any wildfire, whether the effort is initial attack or large fire support. ATGS' are usually in small fixed-wing airplanes, but can at times function out of helicopters. An ATGS has a high degree of firefighting skill and qualifications, and are usually in an aircraft piloted by a contractor with limited fire experience. ATGS aircraft do not "lead" airtankers, their primary duties are to coordinate all aviation assets over the incident, and to be the conduit between the ground and aerial firefighting forces.

Aerial Supervision Modules(ASM)/Leadplane

Leadplanes are fixed-wing aircraft crewed by agency pilots, for the primary purpose of directing large fixed-wing airtankers. Leadplane pilots are highly trained tactical firefighting pilots, and one of their primary duties is to provide low-level leads for large airtankers. Leadplane pilots can help with the duties normally provided by an air attack if no ATGS is present over an incident.

ASMs consist of both ATGS qualified personnel, as well as a qualified as "Leadplane" pilots. ASMs have the advantage of being able to function as either an ATGS platform, or in the leadplane mission profile, depending on the need. ASM's can provide low level leads if needed. This mission is very similar to the "Canadian Birddog" concept.

Airtanker & Single Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) Operations

Currently the fleet of federal large airtankers totals 19, including a mix of P3s and P2V aircraft. Because of their limited number, airtankers are not assigned to a specific base, but are allocated nationally based on predicted need.

Federal airtanker crews may be carded for initial attack, meaning that they are authorized to make retardant drops without having a leadplane/aerial supervision module over the fire. Whenever possible, a leadplane is dispatched with a large airtanker. For any mission near the Canadian border, every effort will be made to ensure a leadplane is on scene with large airtankers, whether the airtankers are from the US or Canada.

SEATs are generally used for initial attack, and are predominantly used in lighter fuels. Leadplanes do not generally accompany SEATs during tactical missions.

Water Scoopers are deployed much like heavy helicopters and are used for water delivery in direct support of ground resources. They depart their bases empty and locate the nearest suitable water source near the incident. The crews adjust their suppressant loads as fuel is reduced and ambient conditions allow. They may be asked to standby on the lake thereby saving flight time and fuel.

Helicopter Operations – Initial Attack

All helicopters contracted by the US federal firefighting agencies are capable of accomplishing initial attack missions. Initial attack helicopters may be either standard or restricted category. Standard category helicopters are capable of the full compliment of firefighting missions (to include troop transport), and restricted category helicopters are restricted to non passenger-hauling missions (i.e. bucket work and external loads).

All federal helicopters are required to have a fully qualified Helicopter Manager. For standard category helicopters, the helicopter manager, and usually some crewmembers, will travel with the helicopter unless the helicopter is doing bucket or external load missions. Even if the helicopter is employed in either of these missions, the Helicopter Manager will be on scene ensuring adherence to all aspects of federal policy. Most initial attack helicopters are contracted as “exclusive-use” helicopters (equivalent to Long-term contracts in Canada). Almost all exclusive-use helicopter crews have rappel capability in the Pacific Northwest geographic area, and all have highly trained crews assigned to them.

Helicopter Operations – Large Fire Support

When a fire escapes initial attack and transitions into extended attack or large fire support, the odds of having multiple helicopters assigned to the incident greatly increases. As with initial attack, each helicopter will have an assigned Helicopter Manager. In addition, when two or more helicopters are assigned to an incident, a qualified Helibase Manager will be assigned to the operation. The Helibase Manager will ensure the safety of the helicopter operations at the helibase (staging/parking area). The Helibase Manager will determine the need for additional staffing of the helibase. Some examples of additional staffing needs include a Deck Coordinator, Parking Tender, and Takeoff and Landing Coordinator.

Incident Management Teams (IMTs) Aviation Personnel

In addition to the helicopter positions listed above, other aviation positions within the Incident Command System (ICS) may be assigned to an incident, depending on the complexity of the incident and the amount of aviation resources assigned. Examples include an Air Operations Branch Director and Air Support Group Supervisor.

Airspace Coordination

All firefighting aircraft are required to have operative transponders and will use a setting of 1255 when engaged in, or enroute to, firefighting operations. For extended aviation operations, Temporary Flight Restrictions may be established, restricting access to the airspace over the incident.

Flight Following

Flight following is a requirement for all tactical mission flights. All aircraft are required to have FM capability (in addition to AM), and flight following can be accomplished in one of two ways: Automated Flight Following (AFF) done via satellite and internet monitoring; or via radio check-in every 15 minutes.



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File Code: 5100/5700

Date: July 26, 2007

Route To:

Subject: Approval to use British Columbia, Canada Airtankers

To: Regional Foresters, Pacific Northwest Region and Northern Region

This letter authorizes the use of British Columbia, Canada airtankers per your letter of request dated July 13, 2007. These aircraft will be utilized under the terms of the *Northwest Border Arrangement for Fire Protection* and the *Canada/United States Reciprocal Forest Fire Fighting Arrangement*.

Only those aircraft referenced by Canadian registration number in the enclosure to this letter are authorized for use by the U.S. Forest Service. The direction outlined on the second enclosure will be followed for tactical use of these aircraft.

For further information or clarification, please contact Pat Norbury, National Aviation Operations Officer, at 208-387-5646 or pnorbury@fs.fed.us.

/s/ T.C. Harbour

TOM HARBOUR

Director, Fire and Aviation Management

Enclosures: Direction for the Tactical Use of Canadian Airtankers, Authorized Canadian Registration Numbers

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Direction for the Tactical Use of Canadian Airtankers

- A Bird Dog (Canadian aerial supervision module) will be dispatched with each Canadian Airtanker Group.
- Canadian airtankers must be supervised by a Canadian Air Attack Officer (AAO) or a US Aerial Supervision Module (ASM) / Leadplane.
- Canadian airtankers may not be supervised by an Air Tactical Group Supervisor (ATGS) alone.
- Initial Attack-carded US contract airtanker pilots may conduct retardant operations under the target direction of an authorized Canadian AAO.
- US Forest Service ASM / Leadplanes are not authorized to lead Canadian airtankers.
- Canadian Bird Dogs are not authorized to lead US Forest Service contracted airtankers.
- Both Canadian Bird Dogs and US ASM / Leadplanes may provide target identification runs, also known as “show me” runs for both Canadian and US airtankers.

Appendix F

Sample Checklist and Letter for Expectations or Direction for Initial, Extended and Large Fire Support

Special Management Considerations. Unique suppression requirements because of:

- Wilderness
- National Park
- Critical wildlife habitat or endangered species
- Critical watersheds
- Cultural Resources
- Public use and safety
- Land ownership

Use of heavy equipment, mechanized equipment

Use of retardant; ie restrictions related to streams

Water sources

Trigger points for certain suppression actions

Fireline rehabilitation requirements

Coordination with Incident Management teams

Smoke

Key contacts

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Date: September 3, 2006

Subject: Expectations for British Columbia Forest Service and Tripod Incident

To: British Columbia Forest Service

This letter is to give approval and direction for fire operations actions within the Pasayten Wilderness on the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forest. The Tatoosh fire is within the “red zone” and is threatening the boundary between the US and Canada. According to the “Cross Border Agreement” each agency has the authority to take action within the “red zone” to protect their jurisdiction.

You may take the appropriate action to manage the Tatoosh fire within the red zone and south of the red zone on the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forest. Appropriate action includes the use of mechanized equipment in the Pasayten Wilderness. Approved mechanized equipment includes helicopters, airtankers, pumps, chainsaws, etc. This approval does not include dozers, tractors, feller bunchers or any other type of tracked earth moving equipment or harvesting equipment. Aerially delivered fire retardant may not be applied within 300’ of any live water.

A type two incident management team (Dick Gormley Incident Commander) is presently managing the Tripod fire on the US side of the border. On Thursday September 7th, Bob Anderson Incident Commander of the Northwest Incident Management Team will assume command. You are expected to coordinate all efforts on the US side of the border with the appropriate team. There should be no independent action without first coordinating with the other agency.

This letter is not intended to imply any agreement for cost apportionment or the intention to pay for any resource expenditures. A cost share agreement will be worked on between our two agencies later this week.

As always firefighter and public safety is our first concern. Conduct your operations with safety as your first priority.

/S/ Jim Boynton
Forest Supervisor
Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forest