

Northern Rockies – Wildfire Decision Documentation Process 2011 Interagency Support/Contacts

Process Status:

For 2011, all Federal Agencies are required to document decisions on wildfires that escaped initial attack in the Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS). The States of Idaho and Montana use other tools to analyze and document their decisions, i.e. Montana uses the Incident Situation Assessment process and Idaho uses the Wildland Fire Situation Analysis or WFDSS, depending on the zone.

Process Implementation:

In 2010, the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group (NRCG) issued guidelines for decision documentation to eliminate conflicting direction to incident management teams, emphasizing the importance of full engagement of all agencies in the development and communication of the strategic planning process.

Guidelines:

1. Each agency will decide which document they will use.
2. This should be documented in local operating plans.
3. In the event of a multi-jurisdiction incident, agencies will identify which document will convey their final management decision.
4. The Delegation of Authority will incorporate these planning documents and will clearly communicate the intent of the leader(s). The Delegation of Authority will be signed by all agencies.

Process Support:

For support needs that cannot be met at the local level, the Unit's first point of contact is their Agency Point of Contact (POC) listed below. If an Agency POC is not available, for the federal agencies, contact one of the other listed federal POCs.

WFDSS needs that can be supported include software assistance, decision documentation, fire behavior analysis, and role/privilege/ownership assignments. Outside of fire season, assignment of roles, privileges, and incident ownership should be reserved to each respective Agency POC but, during incidents, other Agency POCs can assign roles.

At Geographic Area Preparedness Levels 4 and 5, the Agency POCs will coordinate workload, i.e. prioritize the assignment of Analyst-assisted Fire Behavior runs (GA Editors will have lists of Fire Behavior Specialists), and assist any Geographic Area MAC Group to summarize and display decision support products.

Agency POCs

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*Have Geographic Editor Role in WFDSS (for assigning roles, privileges, & ownership)

**Can also reach USFS POC by calling 406-356-6895.

A National Fire Decision Support Center (NFDSC) has also been established for WFDSS support. The support provided by NFDSC consists of developing, improving, and increasing production and operational use of decision support products. Information about the NFDSC can be found at: <http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/>. *All requests for assistance should be made to a Northern Rockies POC before contacting the NFDSC.*