

# CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP



## IMT Delegation of Authority Six Rivers National Forest

Date: 08/03/2015

To: Don Garwood, Incident Commander

From: Merv George, Forest Supervisor, Six Rivers National Forest

Subject: CA-SRF-2015-1488, Gasquet Complex Delegation of Authority

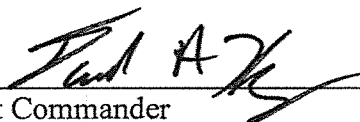
Effective at ~~1000~~<sup>1800</sup> hours on 08/03/2015, you are delegated authority as the Incident Commander for the overall management of the CA SRF 2015 1488 Incident on the Smith River Ranger District, Six Rivers National Forest. This delegation carries with it the full responsibility for managing the incident. You have full authority and responsibility for managing incident operations within the framework of legal statute, current policy, and the broad direction provided in your oral and written briefing materials. You are expected to do a complete and efficient job, while providing for Safety First. Safety will be the number one priority throughout the incident.

Initial attack of new incidents will remain the responsibility of the home unit however, you are expected to place a high priority on providing resources to support such I.A. efforts as they are requested.


*\*\*\*If mechanized use in wilderness is relevant, address approvals here or delete this.*

I expect open communication during all phases of management under this delegation. Please ensure the immediate notification of any significant concerns, issues or events as they arise. Attached you will find my expectations for management of the incident framed within each element of the team's final rating which will be provided upon conclusion of the assignment.

*Signatures below make this delegation effective at the above indicated date and time.*

  
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Incident Commander

8/3/15  
Date

  
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Agency Administrator

8-3-15  
Date

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## How well did the Team accomplish the objectives described in the Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) and the Agency Administrator Briefing?

IAP objectives will be consistent with the intent of those found in the WFDSS document and be relevant and measurable to employees working on the incident. All incident objectives will be accomplished to the fullest extent practical by the IMT.

### 1. How well did the Team manage the cost of the incident? Did the team follow agency incident operating guidelines?

Incident cost estimates will be provided to the IBA (if applicable) and my AA Representative every 3 days. Adherence to incident business rules and regulations is required. Apply guidelines found in the unit's supply plan for local support.

### 2. How did the Team demonstrate sensitivity to resource limits/constraints and environmental concerns?

Tactical work occurring on the incident should be done in consultation with my Lead Resource Advisor and Fire Management Staff. Ensure tactics employed are commensurate with protecting the values at risk. Communication with local staff is critical to success. Federal agencies have a special trust obligation to Native Americans, their land and reserved rights. – *Cohesive Strategy* Ensure that the IMT understands the Fire Management MOU with the affected tribe and coordinates efforts as outlined in the MOU. Contact me or my AA Representative for further guidance.

### 3. How well did the Team deal with sensitive political and social concerns?

Maintaining relationships with landowners, tribes and our partner agencies is an important value on this unit. IMT success is dependent on honest, open communication coupled with an understanding of expressed values and concerns.

Ensure that public / cooperator meetings occur on an as needed basis and coordinate these with my AA Representative, Public Affairs and Fire Management staff.

Ensure that appropriate/timely Inciweb and Facebook updates are coordinated with my public affairs officer.

### 4. Was the Team professional in the manner in which they assumed management of the incident and how they managed the total incident? How did the Team handle transition either to another IMT or in returning the incident the hosting agency?

Interact effectively with my staff and coordinate planning for transition with the unit FMO.

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**5. How well did the Team anticipate and respond to changing conditions, was the response timely and effective?**

Collaborate with the Unit FMO / Duty Officer to prioritize resource needs for other existing incidents or emerging I.A. needs on the unit.

Promptly “right-size” the incident as containment, weather conditions, smoke impacts or other factors suggest.

**6. How well did the Team place the proper emphasis on safety?**

Tactics and firefighter exposure should be commensurate with values at risk. The IMT is expected to maintain a safe working environment for all responders and the public. This includes management of incident medical response, incident traffic patterns, incident facilities, aviation use and application of the 215A or equivalent hazard identification and mitigation process.

**7. Did the Team activate and manage the mobilization/demobilization in a timely and cost effective manner?**

Coordinate effectively with the GACC and expanded dispatch office and ensure timely production and adherence to an incident demobilization plan.

**8. How well did the Team use local resources, trainees, and closest available forces?**

Coordinate priority trainees with the Unit and Regional Fire Training Officer. This information should be provided in the IMT’s incident narrative.

**9. How did the Team notify the incident agencies regarding triggers for initiating a cost share agreement or large fire cost review? How were those recommendations implemented?**

If applicable, communicate information in a timely manner to the Unit FMO.

**10. Was the IC engaged and in charge of the Team and the Incident? How well did the IC function and operate as a leader?**

If corrective actions are identified by me or my staff, the IC will be accountable to ensure the IMT understands and implements such actions.

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## **11. How timely was the IC in assuming responsibility for the incident and initiating action?**

It is expected that upon signature of this delegation, the IC will assume responsibility for the incident at the agreed to time for transition of command. This delegation will end upon transition of command to another IC or back to the unit.

## **12. How did the IC show sincere concern and empathy for the hosting unit and local conditions?**

This will largely be measured by the demonstrated success with managing relations with the unit staff and external partners/cooperators.

## **13. Was the agency administrator or designee made aware that the Time Unit closed out/transitioned per unit operating guidelines? Example: AD time complete per payment center and agency requirements, cooperators given appropriate documents per agreements, OF 288's complete and returned.**

This information should be provided in the IMT's incident narrative.

### **\*\*\*Other needs as determined by the Agency Administrator/host unit:**

- Ensure that safety of incident responders and the public is the priority for every decision that is made.
- Implement tactics that offer a high probability of success and minimize negative ecological effects to the landscape.
- Protect private property from risks associated to wildfire.
- Protect cultural resources from risks associated to wildfire suppression actions.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with all partners.
- Maintain effective communication with myself and my staff.