

# Incident Action Plan

## *Chalk Fire*

*CA-LPF-002754*

*P5EL5K*

**Night Operation Period**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2008**  
**1800 - 0600**



<b>INCIDENT OBJECTIVES</b>	1. INCIDENT NAME	2. DATE PREPARED	3. TIME PREPARED
	Chalk	10/02/08	1200

**Night Operational Period – 1800 to 0600 – 10/02/08**

5. GENERAL CONTROL OBJECTIVES FOR THE INCIDENT (INCLUDE ALTERNATIVES)

Management Objectives:

- Provide for Firefighter and Public Safety.
- Provide protection for threatened / endangered species, natural habitat, heritage and scenic resources.
- Use Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics (MIST) within wilderness areas, especially steelhead trout in Mill Creek Drainage .
- Avoid application of Retardant, Foam or Wetting agents within 300' of waterways or other bodies of water.
- Manage costs to keep them commensurate with values at risk and minimize costs plus loss.
- Prevent the spread of invasive species.

Control Objectives:

- Keep the fire north of Prewitt Ridge Road.
- Keep the fire west of Del Venturi Road.
- Keep the fire south of San Vicente Tr. To San Antonio Tr.
- Keep the fire east of Highway 1.

Operational Objectives

- Hold the West and South perimeters of the fire.
- Prepare and protect threatened structures.

6. WEATHER FORECAST FOR OPERATIONAL PERIOD

See attached Fire Weather Forecast

7. GENERAL/SAFETY MESSAGE

See attached Safety Message

8. ATTACHMENTS ( X IF ATTACHED)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	202 Incident Objectives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ICS 215A LCES Analysis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Human Resources
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	203 Organization List	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Burn Index Pocket Card	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Training
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fire Weather	<input type="checkbox"/>	ICS 220 Air Operations Summary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Travel Map
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fire Behavior Forecast	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	205 Communications Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ICS 214 – UNIT LOG
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	204 Div. Assignment Lists	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	206 Medical Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Safety Message	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mist Tactics / Archaeological Guidelines	<input type="checkbox"/>	

ICS 202	9. PREPARED BY (PLANNING SECTION CHIEF) <i>Jeff Jones</i>	10. APPROVED BY (INCIDENT COMMANDER) <i>Jim Smith</i>
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ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST		
1. Incident Name		9. Operations Section
Chalk		Chief Mike LaPlant
2. Date	3. Time	Planning Ops Scott Schuster
10-02-08	2200	
4. Operational Period		a. Branch I - Division/Groups
10-02-08 Day Shift 0600-1800		Branch Director
Position	Name	Division/Group A
5. Incident Commander and Staff		Division/Group B Matt Ferris
Incident Commanders	Jim Smith/Allan Currier/Mark Nunez (t)	Division/Group C Jim Ackerman
Deputy IC	Dana D' Andrea	Division/Group D
Liason Officer	Herb McElwee / Randy Graham / Warner McGrew / Craig Thomas (t)	Division/Group Z Rick Bertram
Law Liason Officer	Greg Nurdyke	Dozer Group
Safety Officer	Jeff Saley	Structure Group Anthony Williams
Information Officer	Manny Madrigal/ John Alford	Contingency Group
Human Resources	Gene Rose / Steve Branch (t)	Staging
6. Agency Representative		c. Branch III - Division/Groups
Agency	Name	Branch Director
Agency Administrator	John Bradford	Deputy
Cal Fire	Rick Hutchinson/Steve Spinharney (t)	Division/Group
Resource Advisor	Jeff Kwasny	Division/Group
CHP	P.A. Howard	Division/Group
FHL	Shippee	Division/Group
CDC	Randy Roland	Division/Group
Big Sur Vol	Frank Pinney	
Monterey Sheriff	Kevin Oakley	d. Air Operations Branch
USFS Union Rep	Robert Ethridge	Air Operations Branch Director Brad Joos
CalTrans	Danny Millsap	Air Attack Supervisor Kent Haskins
7. Planning Section		Air Support Supervisor
Chief	Ann Marx	Helicopter Coordinator
Deputy	Bill Brickey (t) / Robert Kovach (t)	Air Tanker Coordinator
Resources Unit	Ken Bates / Mark Cole/Robert Ashby(t)/	Helicopter Base Manager Steve Silva / Brian Sexton (t)
Situation Unit	Mike Held / John Germanetti	
Documentation Unit	Hal Nulen/John Lutzow(t)	10. Finance Section
Demobilization Unit	Neil Bullock/Anthony Stornetta(t)	Chief Judy Reynolds
GISS	Mark Smith	Deputy Patty Locke
Training Specialist	Doug Dickson	Time Unit Shawn Hugan
Computer Specialist	Jordon Reynolds	Procurement Unit Elaine Hanson
Weather	Jim Wallman	Compensation/Claims Unit
Fire Behavior	Dan Ardoin/Rich Gonzales(t)	Cost Unit Keith Fletcher
8. Logistics Section		
Chief	Jamie Copple	
Deputy	Tom Crakes (t)	
Supply Unit	John Brodbeck / Daron Mafi	
Facilities Unit	Kerry Kellogg / Mel Sanchez	
Ground Support Unit	Mike Nelson	
Communications Unit	Rick Smith	
Medical Unit	Jan Purkett / Joe Tieso	
Security Manager		Prepared by (Resource Unit Leader) Robert Ashby
Food Unit	Sharon Nurdyke	

## Fire Weather Forecast

FORECAST NO: 8

NAME OF FIRE: Chalk

PREDICTION FOR: Thursday

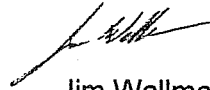
SHIFT Night

UNIT: CA-LPF

SHIFT DATE: 10/2/08 to 10/3/08

1800-0600

SIGNED:



TIME AND DATE

FORECAST ISSUED: 1200 10/2/08

Jim Wallmann

Incident Meteorologist

**WEATHER DISCUSSION:** Weak high pressure at the surface will continue to bring a northwest wind to ridges through Friday. Temperatures will continue to cool with the trend of higher humidity continuing. There will be no marine layer the next two days with cold temperatures aloft. A big change is still on track for Friday night, with increasing winds from the west followed by some rain after midnight that will continue into Saturday morning. A cold front will move through Saturday morning turning winds back to northwest.

### WEATHER FORECAST:

WEATHER: Mostly cloudy.

TEMPERATURES: MIN 56-62.

HUMIDITY: MAX 70-90% below 1500 feet. 50-55% above 1500 feet.

EYE LEVEL WINDS:

SLOPE (2000-3500 feet) - Downslope to 2 mph.

RIDGETOP (3500 feet and above) - Northwest 5-7 mph.

LAL: 1 CWR: 0%

MARINE LAYER: None.

### 6 HOUR OUTLOOK (Temps/RH overnight is for areas above 2000 feet):

**FRIDAY 10/3**

**FRIDAY NIGHT 10/3-4**

WEATHER: Mostly cloudy.

WEATHER: Cloudy. Rain developing after midnight.

TEMP: Max: 69-76 RH: Min: 32-40%

TEMP: Min: 52-57 RH: Max: 80-100%

WINDS: Slope: Upslope 2-4 mph  
Ridge: West-northwest 4-6 mph

WINDS: Slope: Erratic 4-6 mph  
Ridge: West-southwest 6-12 mph

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**OUTLOOK FOR SATURDAY:** Mostly cloudy. Rain tapering to showers in the morning. Winds west 5-10 mph, becoming northwest 7-12 mph by noon. Temperatures - MAX 60-67. RH Min 45-55%. No marine layer.

### OBSERVED WEATHER 10/1-2/08:

Port Hunter Liggett RAWS (10 E - 1100 ft): Temp: Min 58. RH: Max 47%. Winds Calm.

LPF Portable1 RAWS (25 NNW - 3813 ft): Temp: 60. RH: 46%. Winds (20 foot) W 4-6 gusts 13 mph.

Safety Zone Div C/D: Temp: 63. RH: 51%. Winds NW 2-4 mph.

# FIRE BEHAVIOR FORECAST

FORECAST NUMBER: 8 10-02-08 Night Shift	TYPE OF FIRE: Wildland Vegetation
FIRE NAME: Chalk	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: Night
DATE ISSUED: 10-01-08	TIME ISSUED: 10:00 hrs
UNIT: CA-LFP	SIGNED: DAN ARDOIN FBAN <i>Dan Ardoin</i>

## WEATHER SUMMARY

Humidity trending higher than they have been in the thermal belt. Ridge winds are Northwest.

See attached spot weather forecast.

## FIRE BEHAVIOR

### GENERAL:

Wednesday/s observed BI: 70, Today's predicted 67-- Fire Danger: Very High

Fuels are chaparral, mixed conifers and oak woodlands. Very dry fuel moistures -- 1 hr 12%, 10 hr 8% , live 69%. Very high dead to live fuel ratio.

Topography is extremely steep terrain at 1500 to 3500 ft elevation. Mill Creek drainage generally oriented west to east with a dogleg to the north where the main fire is located. The main coastal ridge runs northwest to southeast. The Nacimiento drainage runs to the east on the inland side of the ridge.

Day Behavior: Slow to moderate rate of spread generally with occasional uphill runs were observed where slope and wind are in alignment.

Night Behavior: Some active burning throughout the night. Backing spread steady and supported with rollout. Short uphill runs occurred.

Probability of Ignition 20%

### SPECIFIC:

Division Z: Higher humidity will stop spread in grasses, heavier fuels will continue to burn with limited spread.

Division A/B: Reburn potential in unburned canopies. Uphill runs in chaparral with 14 ft. flame lengths and rates of spread from 25 ch/hr. Jackpot fuels burning out in 24 to 48 hours.

Division C/D: Slow rate of spread (0.5 to 1 ch/hr.) with 1 ft flame lengths. Heavy fuels will continue to burn.

### AIR OPERATIONS:

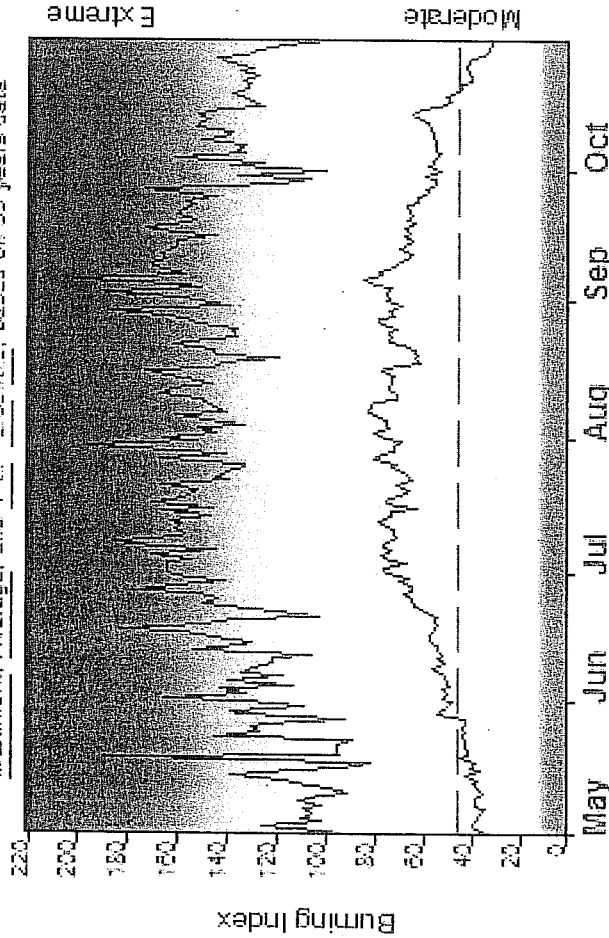
Visibility restricted near the surface. Sunset 18:44 Sunrise 07:00

## SAFETY

Snags and falling rocks throughout the fire are common. Smoke accumulation in the canyon and valley bottoms will restrict visibility. Danger of complacency in areas where the fire becomes inactive for a while. Watch for changing conditions, we're at thresholds for the fire behavior to change significantly in short periods of time.

# FIRE DANGER -- Los Padres NF - Monterey RD

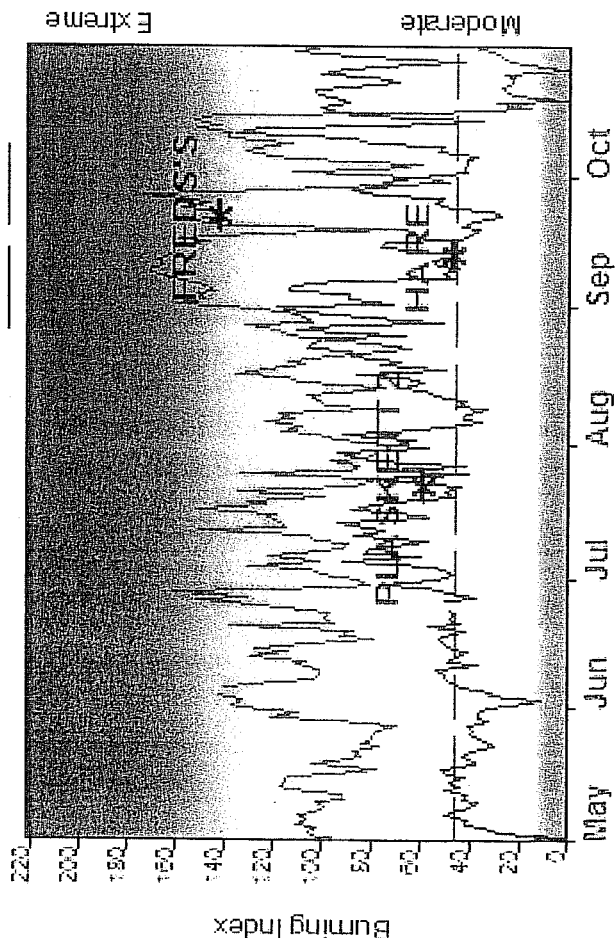
Maximum, Average, and 47th Percentile, based on 33 years data



Extreme

Moderate

# Years to Remember: 1999 2004



Extreme

Moderate

# Fuel Model: B - California Chaparral

# Fire Danger Area:

- Los Padres NF Monterey RD
- Surs 044303 Arroyo Seco
- 044317 Ft. Hunter Liggett
- MERRI NWCG WX Station Standards

# Fire Danger Interpretation:



- EXTREME -- Use extreme caution
- Watch for change
- Moderate -- Lower Potential, but always be aware

Maximum -- Highest Burning Index by day for 1972 - 2004

Average -- Shows peak fire season over 33 years (5276 observations)  
47th Percentile -- Only 47% of the 5276 days from 1972 - 2004 had an Burning Index below 45

# Local Thresholds - Watch out:

- Combinations of any of these factors can greatly increase fire behavior:
- 20\* Wind Speed over 15 mph, RH less than 25%,
- Temperature over 50, Energy Release Component over 35

# Remember what Fire Danger tells you:

- ✓ Burning Index gives day-to-day fluctuations calculated from 2 pm temperature, humidity, wind, daily temperature & rh ranges, and precip duration.
- ✓ Wind is part of BI calculation.
- ✓ Watch local conditions and variations across the landscape -- Fuel, Weather, Topography.
- ✓ Listen to weather forecasts -- especially WIND.

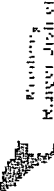
# Past Experience:

The 47th percentile was determined as a benchmark when weather conditions and fires greater than 100 acres historically occur on the Monterey RD. The fire fuel moisture threshold is 80%. This district has established coastal redwoods, oak woodlands, and coastal sage. Elevations range from sea level to 6,000 ft. Heavy fuels, steep terrain and inaccessibility contributes to large fire growth. HEADS UP for frost killed brush and dug killed trees. Sudden Oak Death (esp. in the Big Sur area) can lead to extreme fire behavior. WARNING! Trees weakened by Sudden Oak Death have been known to topple suddenly without warning.

Responsible Agency: US Forest Service

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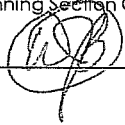
Los Padres  
National Forest

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3. Incident Name Chalk		4. Operational Period Date: 10-02-08 Night Time: 1800 - 0600					
5. Operations Personnel							
Operations Chief		Mike LaPlant		Division/Group Supervisor			
Branch Director				Air Attack Supervisor No.		Mark Nunez	
6. Resources Assigned this Period							
Strike Team/Task Force/ Resource Designator		Leader		Number Persons	Trans. Needed	Drop Off PT./Time	Pick Up PT./Time
7. Control Operations  <b>UNSTAFFED</b>							
8. Special Instructions							
9. Division/Group Communication Summary							
Function	Frequency	System	Channel	Function	Frequency	System	Channel
Command	Rx 168.1000N Tx 170.4500 N Tx Tone 110.9	King NIFC CMD 2	1	Logistics		King NIFC	
Tactical Div/Group	168.0500	NIFC Tac 1	2	Air to Ground	168.0125	King NIFC	13
Prepared by (Resource Unit Leader) Pat Caprioli (t) / Robert Ashby (t)		Approved by (Planning Section Chief) Bill Brickey (t)			Date 10-02-08		Time 1400







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# Safety Message

## Major Hazards and Risks:

Excessive travel times – Keep speeds down, FOCUS

Poison Oak – Doctor in camp!

Snags and rolling material on roads – Dedicate resources to mitigate safely

Narrow roads, traffic control and large vehicles – Keep speeds down, communicate

## Narrative:

Snags, rolling material and road issues continue to pose significant risks to our fire fighters. Please keep your speeds down and exercise extreme caution when engaging burning material above the roads.

Trees have been weakened by sudden oak death, frost and bug kill. Snags are falling at an alarming rate. Stay clear of problem areas. Look up/down/around. You are all doing a great job under very dangerous conditions. **Your safety is the highest priority!**

Be especially careful with your footing in the steep rugged terrain. One fall could be your last.

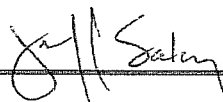
Lookouts

Communications

Escape Routes

Safety Zones

Prepared by Safety Officer: Jeff Saley



# LCES Analysis of Tactical Actions

Incident: Chalk

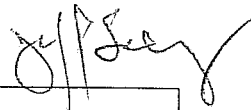
Date: 10/02/08

Shift: Night

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**LOCATION**

Safety Officer: Jeff Saley



Tactical Hazards	Div A unstaff	Div B	Div C	Div D unstaff	Div Z	Doz Grp unstaff	Stru. Grp	LCES MITIGATIONS
Indirect Fireline		X	X		X			LCES
Downhill Fireline		X	X		X			Small sections. DH mitigations
Underslung Fireline		X	X		X			LCES. Trench.
Mid-slope Fireline		X	X		X			Small segments. Scout. LCES
Anchor Points			X		X		X	Reestablish to new footprint
Extreme Weather								
Unburned Areas		X	X		X		X	Predominant throughout. LCES
Extremely Steep Terrain		X	X		X			Scout in daylight. Spacing.
Snags (Sudden Oak Death)		X	X		X		X	Look up, down, around. Scout.
1+Hour Transportation		X	X		X		X	Speed down. Focus on driving
Poor Communications								Assure current clone. Clear, <b>concise</b> directions to air.
Roads/Traffic Problems/ Very Steep		X	X		X		X	Traffic Plan. Drive slow w/ headlights.
Heavy Equipment		X	X		X		X	Yield right of way. Comm. w/ dozer boss
Medical Evac. procedures								Hoist still needed
Air Operations Multi-Aircraft							X	Concise directions to air
Poison Oak		X	X		X		X	Swap or clean PPE whenever possible
Problem Safety Zones					X		X	Identify adequate zones before engaging or don't engage!

**INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

Incident Name: **CHALK**      Date/Time Prepared: 10/02/08 1200hrs.      Operational Period Date/Time: 10/02/08 1800 - 0600hrs.

Ch #	Function	Channel Name/Trunked Radio System Talkgroup	Assignment	RX Freq	N or W	RX Tone/NAC	TX Freq	N or W	Tx Tone/NAC	Mode	Remarks
1	COMMAND		ALL DIVISIONS	168.1000 N		0.0	170.4500 N		110.9	A	NIFC CMD 2
2				170.0125 N		0.0	165.2500 N		110.9	A	NIFC CMD 9
3											
4	TACTICAL		DIVISION B	168.2000 N		0.0	168.2000 N		0.0	A	NIFC TAC 2
5	TACTICAL		DIVISION C	168.6000 N		0.0	168.6000 N		0.0	A	NIFC TAC 3
6											
7	TACTICAL		DIVISION Z	166.7250 N		0.0	166.7250 N		0.0	A	NIFC TAC 5
8	TACTICAL		STR GRP	166.7750 N		0.0	166.7750 N		0.0	A	NIFC TAC 6
9											
10											
11											
12	BACKUP COMMAND		ALL DIVISIONS	170.550 N		0.0	169.9000 N		103.5	A	LPFN CONE PK. TONE 8
13	AIR/GROUND		ALL DIVISIONS	168.0125 N		0.0	168.0125 N		0.0	A	
14	AIR GUARD		ALL DIVISIONS	168.6250 N		0.0	168.6250 N		110.9	A	<b>AIR EMERGENCIES ONLY</b>
15											
16	AIR GUARD		ALL DIVISIONS	168.6250 N		0.0	168.6250 N		110.9	A	<b>AIR EMERGENCIES ONLY</b>

5. Prepared by (Communications Unit) *[Signature]*  
 Rick Smith COML

Incident Location: County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_ N Longitude \_\_\_\_\_ W

**The convention calls for frequency lists to show four digits after the decimal place, followed by either an "N" or a "W", depending on whether the frequency is narrow or wide band. Mode refers to either "A" or "D" indicating analog or digital (Project 25)**

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<b>MEDICAL PLAN</b> 206	1. INCIDENT NAME	2. DATE PREPARED	3. TIME PREPARED	4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD DATE / TIME				
	Chalk	10/2/08	1130	10/2/08	1800-0600			
5. INCIDENT MEDICAL AID STATIONS								
MEDICAL AID STATIONS		LOCATION			PARAMEDICS			
					YES	NO		
Medical Unit		Base Camp			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
FEMT		As Assigned per Division				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Ponderosa Camp Ground		Nac. Ferg. Road			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
6. AMBULANCE SERVICES								
NAME		ADDRESS		PHONE	PARAMEDICS			
					YES	NO		
Life Line Ambulance M-502		Ponderosa Campground		805-746-3473	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Cal Star Helicopter/No hoist		Santa Maria/Salinas/Gilroy		831-335-0341	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
CHP Helicopter H-70 Hoist (unavailable after 23:30)		Paso Robles		805-593-3344 805-239-3553	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
SBC Helicopter 308 Hoist/Night Vision/Paramedic (available from SBC Helibase for single mission requests)		Santa Ynez Airport		805-692-5723 SBC Dispatch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
7. HOSPITALS								
NAME	ADDRESS	TRAVEL TIME		PHONE	HELIPAD		BURN CENTER	
		AIR	GROUND		YES	NO	YES	NO
Mee Memorial Lat: 36°12'30" Long: 121°07'50"	300 Canal St. King City, CA	8 min	35 min	831-385-7220	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Twin Cities Lat: 35°-33'-20" Long: 121°-07'-50"	1100 Las Tablas Templeton, CA	16 min	1 hr.-15 min.	805-434-4553	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Valley Medical Lat: 37°18'51" Long: 121°56'03"	751 S. Bascom Ave. San Jose, CA	40 min	N/A	408-885-6912	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
8. MEDICAL EMERGENCY PROCEDURES								

**LINE EMERGENCY:**

**Crew Supervisor to contact Division Supervisor with patient complaint/condition and location.**

- Division Supervisor contacts:
  1. Line EMT
  2. Communications Unit
- Communications Unit contacts:
  1. Medical Unit
  2. Operations
  3. Safety
- *Division Supervisor will run medical emergency on command channel*
- Communication Unit will clear command channel for emergency traffic
- Medical Unit will:
  1. Dispatch ground ambulance to nearest drop-point for ground transport only.
  2. Or after patient pickup, dispatch ambulance to Heli-base for Medical AIR EVAC Flight if needed
  3. Notify receiving hospital of injury status.

**CAMP EMERGENCY:**

**Contact Medical Unit with patient complaint/condition and location. Medical Staff will respond to stabilize incident:**

- Medical Unit contacts Communications, Safety and Operations

Prepared by (Medical Unit Leader) <b>Jan Purkett</b>	10. Reviewed by (Safety Officer) <b>Jeff Saley</b>
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# Wilderness Minimum Impact Fire Suppression Guidelines

## MIST

### Minimum Impact Suppression Guidelines for Forest Service Wilderness Areas

#### Fuel Management

##### Hot-line/Ground Fuels

- Allow fire to burn to natural barriers.
- Use cold-trail, wet line or combination when appropriate.
- If constructed fire line is necessary, use only width and depth to check fire spread.
- Constantly re-check cold trailed fire line.

##### Hot-line/Aerial Fuels

- Limb vegetation adjacent to fire line only as needed to prevent additional fire spread.
- During fire line construction, cut shrubs or small trees only when necessary. Make all cuts flush with the ground.
- Minimize felling of trees and snags unless they threaten the fire line or seriously endanger workers. In lieu of felling, identify hazard trees with a lookout or flagging.
- Scrape around tree bases near fire line if it is likely they will ignite.

##### Mop up/Ground Fuels

- Do minimal spading; restrict spading to hot areas near fire line.
- Cold-trail charred logs near fire line; do minimal tool scarring.
- Minimize bucking of logs near fire line or to check for hot spots; roll the logs instead if possible.
- Return logs to original position after checking and when ground is cool.
- Refrain from making bone yards; burned and partially burned fuels that were moved should be returned to a natural arrangement.
- Consider allowing large logs to burnout. Use a lever rather than bucking to manage large logs which must be extinguished.
- Use gravity socks in stream sources and/or a combination of water blivits and fold-a-tanks to minimize impacts to streams.
- Consider using infrared detection devices along perimeter to reduce risk.

##### Mop up/Aerial Fuels

- Remove or limb only those fuels which if ignited have potential to spread fire outside the fire line.
- Before felling consider allowing ignited tree/snag to burn itself out. Ensure adequate safety measures are communicated if this option is chosen.
- Identify hazard trees with a lookout or flagging.
- Align saw cuts to minimize visual impacts from more heavily traveled corridors. Slope cut away from line of sight where possible.

## Logistics

### Campsite Considerations

- Locate facilities outside of wilderness whenever possible.
- Coordinate with the Resource Advisor in choosing a site with most reasonable qualities of resource protection and safety concerns.
- Evaluate short-term low impact camps such as cyote or spike versus use of longer-term higher impact camps.
- New site locations should be on impact resistant and naturally draining areas such as rocky or sandy soils, or openings.
- Avoid camps in meadows, along streams or on lakeshores. Locate at least 200 feet from lakes, streams, trails, or other sensitive areas.
- Consider impacts on both present and future users. An agency commitment to wilderness values will promote those values to the public.
- Lay out the camp components carefully from the start. Define cooking, sleeping, latrine, and water supply.
- Minimize the number of trails and ensure adequate marking.
- In NFS wilderness use brief relief portable toilet system.
- Do not use nails in trees.
- Constantly evaluate the impacts which will occur, both short and long term.

### Personal Camp Conduct

- Use “leave no trace” camping techniques.
- Minimize disturbance to land when preparing bedding site. Do not clear vegetation or trench to create bedding sites.
- Use stoves for cooking, when possible. If a campfire is used, limit to one site and keep it as small as reasonable. Build either a “pit” or “mound” type fire. Avoid use of rocks to ring fires.
- Use down and dead firewood. Use small diameter wood, which burns down more cleanly.
- Don’t burn plastics or luminum- “pack it out” with other garbage.
- Select travel routes between camp and fire and define clearly.
- Carry water and bathe away from lakes and streams. Personnel must not introduce soaps, shampoos or other personal grooming chemicals into waterways.

## Aviation Management

One of the goals of wilderness managers is to minimize the disturbance caused by air operations during an incident.

### Aviation use Guidelines

- Maximize back haul flights as much as possible.
- Use long line remote hook in lieu of constructed helispots for delivery or retrieval of supplies and gear. (Promote the use of llamas.)
- Take precautions to insure noxious weeds are not inadvertently spread through the deployment of cargo nets and other external loads.

- Use natural openings for helispots and paracargo landing zones as far as practical. If construction is necessary, avoid high visitor use areas.
- Consider maintenance of existing helispots over creating new sites.
- Obtain specific instructions for appropriate helispot construction prior to the commencement of any ground work.
- Consider directional falling of trees and snags so they will be in a natural appearing arrangement.
- Buck and limb only what is necessary to achieve safe/practical operating space in and around the landing pad area.

### **Retardant Use**

- During initial attack, fire managers must weigh the non-use of retardant with the probability of initial attack crews being able to successfully control or contain a wildfire. If it is determined that use of retardant may prevent a larger, more damaging wildfire, then the manager might consider retardant use even in sensitive areas. This decision must take into account all values at risk and the consequences of larger firefighting forces' impact on the land.
- Consider impacts of water drops versus use of foam/retardant. If foam/retardant is deemed necessary consider use of foam before retardant use.

### **Hazardous Materials**

#### **Flammable/Combustible Liquids**

- Store and dispense aircraft and equipment fuels in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Health and Safety Handbook requirements.
- Avoid spilling or leakage of oil or fuel, from sources such as portable pumps, into water sources or soils.
- Store any liquid petroleum gas (propane) downhill and downwind from fire camps and away from ignition sources.

#### **Flammable Solids**

- Pick up residual fuses debris from the fire line and dispose of properly.

#### **Fire Retardant/Foaming Agents**

- Do not drop retardant or other suppressants near surface waters.
- Use caution when operating pumps or engines with foaming agents to avoid contamination of water sources.

## **Retardant and Foam Information Tracking Form**

Use this form to record your observations of retardant or foam that lands within 300 feet of any water bodies. Water bodies include all wet areas (streams, ponds, seeps). Return all information and this form to the Resource Advisor.

Incident Name:

Name of observer and position:

Date of delivery or discovery:

Location (Name of water body, division, landmark, GPS if possible):

Retardant / Foam present / Gel (water enhancer)? (circle one)

Note kind of material, if known:

Type of delivery: Air / Ground (circle one)

Estimated amount (gallons)?



# Human Resource Message

## YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### Rights:

- To work in a harassment-free environment where people treat one another with dignity, equity, courtesy and respect.
- To say "no" to unwelcome advances or requests for favors.
- To file complaints or grievances through appropriate avenues.

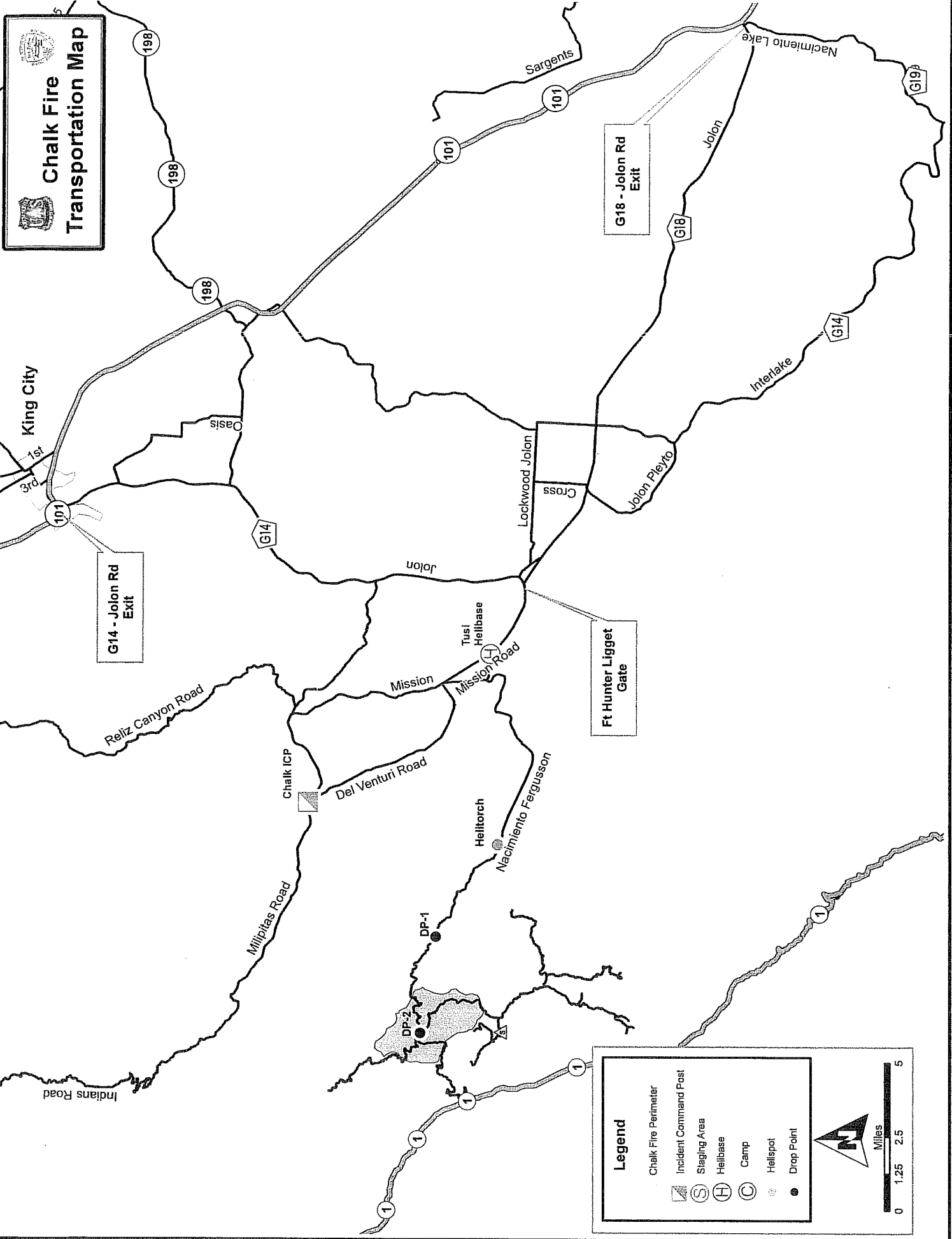
### Responsibilities:

- To behave in a manner that treats people with dignity, equity, courtesy and respect.
- To abide by agency and incident ethics and conduct regulations.
- To report any harassment or other inappropriate behavior you observe or experience








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# Chalk Fire Transportation Map

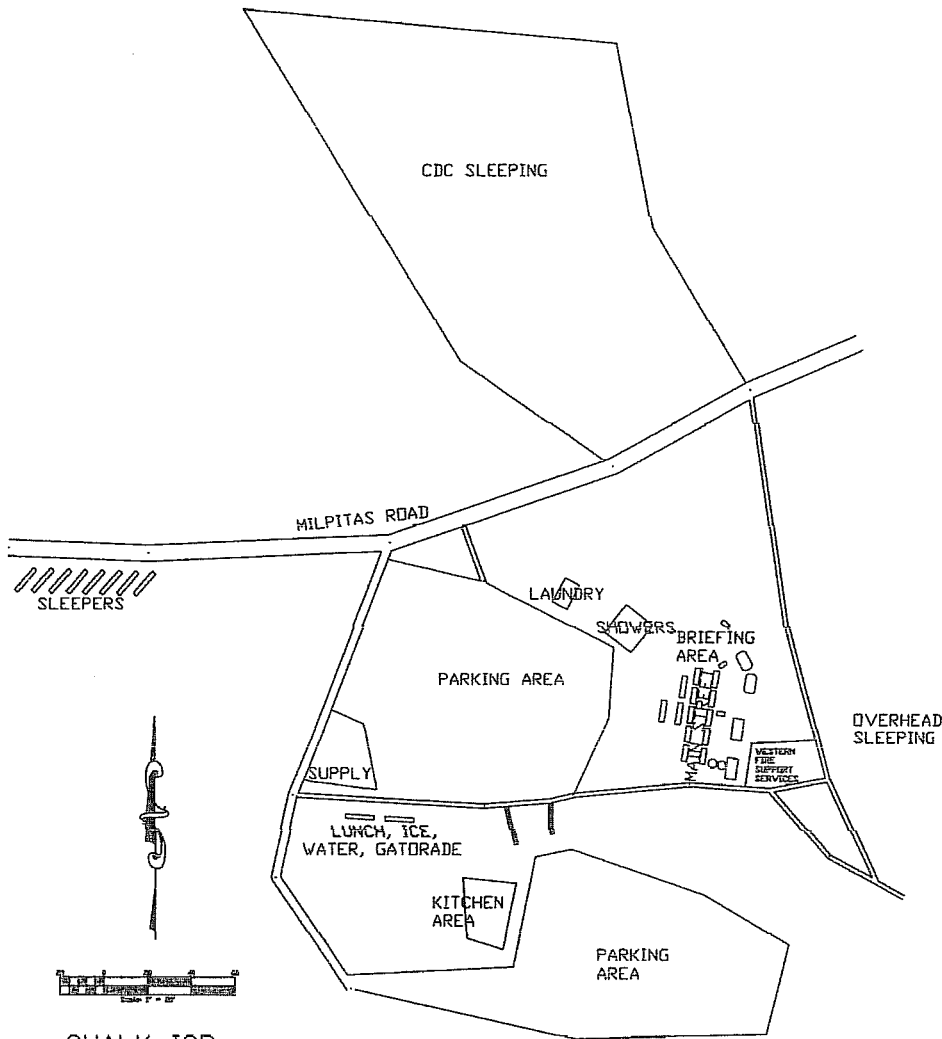


**Legend**

-  Chalk Fire Perimeter
-  Incident Command Post
-  Staging Area
-  Helibase
-  Camp
-  Helispot
-  Drop Point

  
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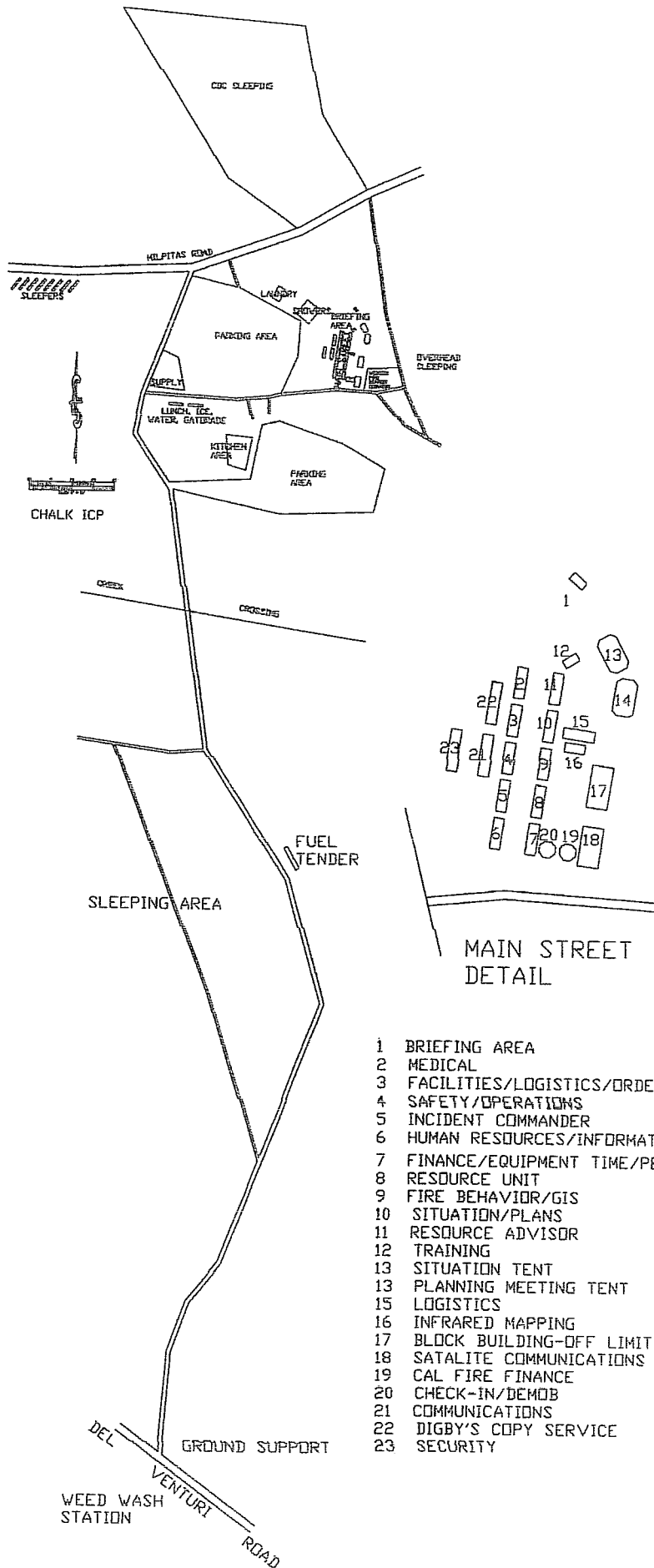
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- 1 BRIEFING AREA
- 2 MEDICAL
- 3 FACILITIES/LOGISTICS/ORDERING
- 4 SAFETY/OPERATIONS
- 5 INCIDENT COMMANDER
- 6 HUMAN RESOURCES/INFORMATION
- 7 FINANCE/EQUIPMENT TIME/PERSONNEL TIME
- 8 RESOURCE UNIT
- 9 FIRE BEHAVIOR/GIS
- 10 SITUATION/PLANS
- 11 RESOURCE ADVISOR
- 12 TRAINING
- 13 SITUATION TENT
- 13 PLANNING MEETING TENT
- 15 LOGISTICS
- 16 INFRARED MAPPING
- 17 BLOCK BUILDING-OFF LIMITS
- 18 SATALITE COMMUNICATIONS
- 19 CAL FIRE FINANCE
- 20 CHECK-IN/DEMOB
- 21 COMMUNICATIONS
- 22 DIGBY'S COPY SERVICE
- 23 SECURITY



