East Idaho Interagency Fire

Caribou- Targhee National Forest
Idaho Falls District BLM
SE Idaho NWRC, US FWS
Fort Hall Agency, BIA

2023 Type 3, 4 & 5 Incident Commander Delegation of Authority and Expectations for all Firefighting Personnel

Initial response to any fire should be based on implementation of land management objectives, while applying risk management principles in consultation with the Line Officer and Duty Officer.

As qualified, this letter is your delegation of authority to serve as a Type 3,4,&5 Incident Commander (IC) who may supervise the initial or extended attack activities on wildfires.

IC's shall understand Line Officer and Duty Officer's intent, and assure that assigned fire personnel understand this intent. IC's and assigned personnel should continually assess the effectiveness of strategies and tactics. Your risk analysis should carefully consider the severity, probability, and exposure components of all identified hazards. Use the Risk Management protocols outlined in the Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG) to help you and your crew in these active discussions. Ensure we take the necessary time to "Stop" before engaging, "Think" about the task at hand, "Talk" with others (Duty Officer, Line Officer, peers, and subordinates) about the best possible strategy and tactics to employ to minimize all the risks in front of us and then appropriately "Act" on the mission.

All incident activities must provide for firefighter and public safety. This will be accomplished by adhering to the 10 Standard Fire Orders, utilizing LCES, mitigating the 18 Watchout Situations, and following 2 to 1 work to rest guidelines. Shifts exceeding 16 hours will be approved, documented, and appropriately mitigated. All personnel will receive a thorough briefing covering at a minimum, organization, LCES, current and anticipated fire weather and fire behavior, safety expectations and risk management, incident objectives, and specific tactical assignments. Ensure personnel on their incident are only assigned to fireline positions for which they are qualified.

All firefighters will work in a professional manner to ensure appropriate representation of our agencies. Foster a learning culture and an atmosphere free of discrimination, any form of harassment, and other forms of inappropriate behavior.

ICs are responsible to update East Idaho Interagency Fire Center (EIIFC) and the Duty Officer every morning and afternoon on the status of the incident. Immediate notification to EIIFC will be made for any significant changes in fire behavior, conditions and all injuries or accidents.

Utilize the Incident Organizer, conduct After Action Reviews (AARs), complete required agency fire reports. Coordinate closely with local cooperators and utilize unified command when fires occur across multiple jurisdictions. Our relationships with local cooperators are critical to our success.

Protection of life and the safety of the public and emergency responders is the most important objective for every fire. Before Incident Commanders commit personnel, they should ask:

- What will we do if someone gets hurt?
- If so, how do we treat and transport them?
- How long will it take to get them to a hospital?

Lastly, thank you for your commitment to serving as an incident commander. We appreciate all that you do!

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