**East Idaho Interagency Fire Center**

**In-Briefing Checklist for Off Unit Resources**

**OPERATIONAL**

* Go over incoming resource packet from dispatch.
* Get info for EIIFC, BLM Duty Officer, and Forest Duty Officers.

(Clone radio’s, Phone # of entire crew, Qualifications, Operational Days left, Get a call sign for the equipment that will work, Give them a local Point of Contact)

* EIIFC will dispatch closest available resources.
* Local resources include (engine type/locations), dozers, water tender, FOS’s.
* Tanker base is located at Pocatello airport. Full time ATGS is available as well as one in Twin Falls. Pocatello is an approved VLAT base. Helicopters may be available from Pocatello and Swan Valley.
* Utilize current EIIFC Incident Organizer.
* Use the designated Zone Initial Attack and Extended Attack Frequencies and map.
* Communications with rural fire departments can be challenging. Most operate on 700 Mhz radio systems and some will carry our frequencies and radios. Interoperability kits may be employed however the need for a “unified” command presence is needed during initial attack. The GIFF and USIWG groups have been established to work with local departments.
* EIIFC has initial attack responsibilities on BLM, FS, USFWS, IDL, BOR, BIA, Fort Hall Indian Reservation, Idaho National Laboratory, and Private Forested lands. We have agreements with nearly all fire districts and fire departments in southeast Idaho to assist with fire on private property using a 24 hour mutual aid period.
* Caribou/Targhee National Forest has many areas designated for potentially managing fires for resource benefit. Maps of designated areas are available.
* Utilize resource advisors during all dozer operations.
* Sage brush/sage grouse habitat is a high priority. Maps are available.
* Flag routes in to fires well.

**FUELS-WEATHER-FIRE BEHAVIOR HAZARDS**

* Review current season fuel loading and live fuel moistures.
* Review local pocket cards.
* Some bug kill timber areas. Frost kill during the fall can be an issue.
* Predominant south/southwest winds during the day. Can see strong diurnal wind patterns leading to active fire behavior at night with a north/northeast component after dark and downslope/down-valley winds.
* Expect fire whirls and dust devils during fires in the big desert and low lying areas.
* Fires will spread rapidly in the fine fuels and respond instantly to wind shifts.
* Typical thunderstorm development starts in the southwest corner of the district and moves northeast as the afternoon progress.
* Weather will be read over the radio around 1100 and 1630 each day.

**MEDICAL-SAFETY**

* District conference call every Thursday at 1100 to discuss safety related issues.
* Some trucks with EMR’s. Basic Life Support kits with FOS’s.
* University of Utah is nearest burn center.
* 2:1 work rest will follow Red Book policy. Notify IC or Duty Officer if you anticipate going over 16 hours.
* Get copy of current Medical Facility & Medical Transport Info.
* COVID-19 Procedures.