

Horse Gulch Fire Incident Action Plan

MT-HLF-000367

PIR21U24 (0115)

SABHRS: 904178

Friday July 26th, 2024

Operational Period: 0700-2000

Incident Information: <https://linktr.ee/2024horsegulch>

Scan the QR code for incident information



Did you grab a Spot Weather Forecast today?

Safety Message: Major Hazards

- **WEATHER:** Warmer and drier. Be aware of critical fire weather conditions. Review Spot Forecasts
- **HAZARD TREES, SNAGS, BLOWDOWN:** Look up, look down, look around. Be constantly aware (see Snag and Blowdown Safety)
- **DRIVING:** Watch out for the other drivers.
- **COMPLACENCY:** Stay vigilant. Maintain your focus on everyone's safety including your own.
- **RESOURCE ACCOUNTABILITY:** Are all resources accounted for?
- **HUMAN FACTORS:** Is your leader's intent and briefing clear? Are your questions getting answered? Are your messages getting acknowledged? Are you encountering hazards not mentioned in briefing? Is your tempo appropriate?

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

Ben Franklin



INCIDENT OBJECTIVES	INCIDENT NAME Horse Gulch Fire	DATE 07/25/2024	TIME 1600
OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 07/26/2024 0700-2000			
<p>Commander's Intent:</p> <p>My intent for the incident is to maintain a positive safety attitude. Safety of responders and the public is the highest priority, followed by protection of values at risk. All resources are expected to maintain LCES and ensure all personnel are aware of their personal LCES. All resources are expected to utilize the 10 Standard Fire Orders and 18 watchout situations while planning to ensure the highest probability of success.</p> <p>In addition, I expect that we shall:</p> <p>Continue to implement a full suppression strategy for the Horse Gulch Fire.</p> <p>Maintain positive relationships with local landowners and the general public.</p> <p>Create a respectful atmosphere both internally and externally.</p> <p>Critical Values at Risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firefighter and Public Safety • Private property and structures within the York, Canyon Ferry, Nelson and Ward Ranch communities. • Communication, Utility, Mining and Recreation Infrastructure • Grazing Allotments <p>Incident Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address the safety of fire personnel, aviation and public through clear communication. Ensure an understanding of strategies and tactics, including a clearly defined and obtainable end state in order to facilitate sound risk mitigation decision making. • Provide for public safety by ensuring potential fire impacts are communicated in a timely manner • Prevent fire spread to private property, critical grazing land, and surrounding infrastructure. • Maintain and strengthen relationships with the Helena-Lewis and Clark NF, cooperators and private landowners. • Coordinate with Resource Advisors on fire suppression impacts and repair. • Practice fiscal responsibility and seek cost effective methods for accomplishing operational objectives. 			
PREPARED BY (PLANNING SECTION CHIEF) <i>/s/ Maggie Epstein</i>		APPROVED BY (INCIDENT COMMANDER) <i>/s/ Anthony Emacio</i>	

ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST (ICS 203)

Incident Name: Horse Gulch Fire		Operational Period: Date From: 07/26/2024 Time From: 0700 Time To: 2000	
Incident Commander and Command Staff:		Logistics Section:	
IC	Anthony Emacio (LWD 07/26)	Chief	Nick Boucher (LWD 08/04)
Safety Officer	Tim Benedict (LWD 07/31)	Ground Support Unit	Don Despain (LWD 07/26)
Public Information Officer	Josh Thompson (T) (LWD 07/26)	Food Unit	Robin Jenkins (LWD 07/26), Edna Osborne (T) (LWD 07/26)
Agency Administrators and Administration		Communications Unit	Ray Adams (LWD 07/26)
HLF AA	Kathy Bushnell	Ordering Manager	Trevor Gonser (LWD 07/26)
MT-DNRC AA	Adam Blythe	Security Manager	Leighton Stone (LWD 07/29)
BLM AA	Lindsay Babcock	Base Camp Manager	Ryan Knutson (LWD 07/26)
Lewis & Clark Sheriff	Leo Dutton	RCDM	Cale Bickerdyke (LWD 07/26)
Broadwater Sheriff	Nick Rauser	Medical Unit	
Planning Section:		Operations Section:	
Chief	Maggie Epstein (LWD 07/26)	Chief	David Tingley (LWD 07/26)
ITSS	Bob Eck (07/26)	Division A	Wayne Bale (LWD 07/26)
Demob Unit	RIST	Division X	Curtis Parkhouse (LWD 7/26) Derek Wittenberg (LWD 7/29)
Documentation Unit	RIST		
Finance Section:			
Chief	Karen Stockmann (LWD 07/27)		
Cost Unit	Helen White (LWD 07/26)		
Prepared by: Maggie Epstein, PSC			
Approved by: Anthony Emacio, IC			

4063709216 DIVISION ASSIGNMENT LIST		1. Branch	2. Division/Group A	
3. Incident Name Horse Gulch		4. Operational Period Date: 07/26/2024 Time: 0700-2000		
5. Operations Personnel				
Operations	Dave Tingley (LWD 07/25)		Division Supervisor	Wayne Bale (T) (LWD 07/26)
Branch Director			Safety Officer	Tim Benedict (LWD 7/31)
6. Resources Assigned this Period				
Resource	LWD	Leader	Number of Persons	Comments
E-90 ENG6 CGF 6822	07/26	KARSON MIKALA	3	HORSE GULCH BASE CAMP 0700-2000
E-103 ENG6 BAKKEN 23140	07/27	ROBERT BAKKEN	3	HORSE GULCH BASE CAMP 0700-2000
E-164 GRD2 9 MILE CONTRACTING	08/04	BILLY KREIS	2	HORSE GULCH BASE CAMP 0700-2000
E-59 WTT2 5 J WATER SERVICE	07/27	KEELY JACKSON	2	HORSE GULCH BASE CAMP 0700-2000
E-116 WTS2 CASTLE MOUNTAIN	08/06	ZACH MANNON	1	HORSE GULCH BASE CAMP 0700-2000
O-14.82 TFLD DAVIDSON	07/25	ORION DAVIDSON	1	HORSE GULCH BASE CAMP 0700-2000
O-120 TFLD (T) SMITH	07/25	BAJIN SMITH	1	HORSE GULCH BASE CAMP 0700-2000
O-116 EMTF WOLFE	07/31	ZACK WOLFE	1	HORSE GULCH BASE CAMP 0700-2000
E-68 AMB2 AERIE AMBULANCE (ALS)	07/26	TRENTON HARPER	2	HORSE GULCH BASE CAMP 0700-2000 STAGED AT MAGPIE
O-132 BAER HLF	08/01	DEBORAH ENTWISTLE	2	HORSE GULCH BASE CAMP 0700-2000
7. Control Operations/Work Assignments:				
Strategic Action: Full perimeter control.				
Task: Mop-up control lines from A/X division break up the Jimtown Road, York/Trout Creek, and along the 4136 to the 241 trail, past H 10, and to Magpie Gulch. Mop-up to the extent necessary given the current and expected fuel and weather conditions to ensure fire doesn't escape the current perimeter. Continue suppression repair actions in accordance with suppression repair plan.				
Purpose: Keep fire from impacting critical private land and structures in the areas of York, Jimtown, Bear Gulch, and Bar Gulch Cabin, in addition to the Hedges Mountain communications site.				
End State: Fire impact to identified critical values is minimized.				
8. Special Instructions:				
BAER team working across divisions A and X. Big Cedar insurance engines may be in the area.				
Resources for HLF surge support.				
Total Personnel Count: 21				
9. Division/Group Communication Summary: See Communications Plan (ICS-205).				
Prepared by (Planning Section Chief) Maggie Epstein	Approved by (Incident Commander) Anthony Emacio		Date 07/25/2024	Time 1600

DIVISION ASSIGNMENT LIST		1. Branch	2. Division/Group X	
3. Incident Name Horse Gulch		4. Operational Period Date: 07/26/2024 Time: 0700-2000		
5. Operations Personnel				
Operations	Dave Tingley (LWD 07/26)		Division Supervisor	Curtis Parkhouse (LWD 07/26), Derek Wittenberg (T) (LWD 07/29)
Branch Director			Safety Officer	Tim Benedict (LWD 7/31)
6. Resources Assigned this Period				
Resource	LWD	Leader	Number of Persons	Comments
C-25 HC2IA HELENA REGULARS	07/26	JAKE FITZGERALD	20	HORSE GULCH BASE CAMP 0700-2000
E-105 ENG4 J KELLER	07/27	JOSH KELLER	3	HORSE GULCH BASE CAMP 0700-2000
E-84 ENG6 MT-BRF ENG 651	07/27	NATHANIEL SUPPOLA	10	HORSE GULCH BASE CAMP 0700-2000
E-106 ENG6 TH LOGGING	07/27	ROD GOSS	3	HORSE GULCH BASE CAMP 0700-2000
O-60 HEQB SEIDEL	07/25	TIM SEIDEL	1	HORSE GULCH BASE CAMP 0700-2000
O-28 HEQB (T) METRIONE	07/27	JASON METRIONE	1	HORSE GULCH BASE CAMP 0700-2000
O-115 EMTF KNOPP	07/31	BRADLEY KNOPP	1	HORSE GULCH BASE CAMP 0700-2000
E-68 AMB2 AERIE AMBULANCE (ALS)	07/26	TRENTON HARPER	2	HORSE GULCH BASE CAMP 0700-2000 STAGED AT MAGPIE
O-132 BAER HLF	08/01	DEBORAH ENTWISTLE	2	HORSE GULCH BASE CAMP 0700-2000
7. Control Operations/Work Assignments:				
Strategic Action: Full perimeter control.				
Task: Mop up control lines from the A/X division break to the north along the retardant line above Hellgate Canyon Road to Magpie Road. Mop-up to the extent necessary given the current and expected fuel and weather conditions to ensure fire doesn't escape the current perimeter. Continue suppression repair actions in accordance with suppression repair plan.				
Purpose: Keep fire from impacting critical privately owned structures, mining camp in Avalanche Gulch, and cattle allotments in Magpie Gulch and Avalanche Gulch.				
End State: Fire impact to identified critical values is minimized.				
8. Special Instructions: BAER team working across divisions A and X. Big Cedar insurance engines may be in the area.				
Resources for HLF surge support.				
Total Personnel Count: 46				
9. Division/Group Communication Summary. See Communications Plan (ICS-205).				
Prepared by (Planning Section Chief) Maggie Epstein		Approved by (Incident Commander) Anthony Emacio		Date 07/25/2024
				Time 2100

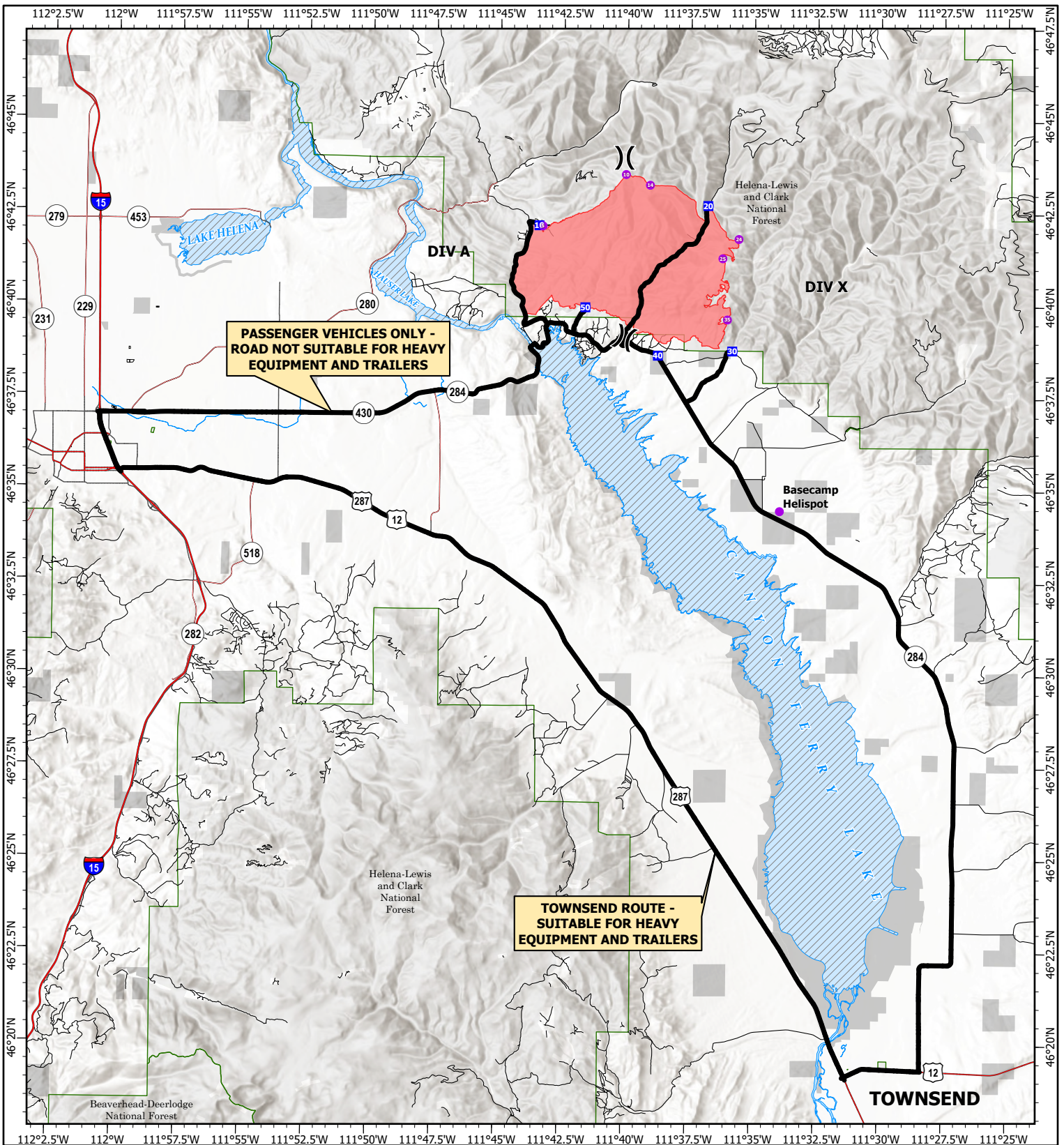
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ICS 205

COMMUNICATION PHONE# - NA

INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN			Incident Name Horse Gulch			Date/Time Prepared: July 25, 2024, 0900 HRS			Operational Period Date/Time 7/26- 0700 – 7/26 - 2200		
Ch #	Function	Channel Name/Trunked Radio System Talk Group	Assignment	RX Freq N or W	RX Tone/NAC	TX Freq N or W	Tx Tone/NAC	Mode	Remarks		
1	TAC	TAC1	DIV A	168.0500	131.8	168.0500	131.8	A			
2	TAC	TAC 2	DIV X	168.2000	131.8	168.2000	131.8	A			
3	TAC	CREW ONE	DIV A	168.7250		168.7250	131.8	A			
4	TAC	FIRE TAC	DIV X	167.1125		167.1125	110.9	A			
5	COMMAND	BOULDER		151.4150		159.2250	192.8	A	DNRC BOULDER REPEATER		
6	COMMAND	ROGERS		151.2625		159.4050	192.8	A	DNRC ROGERS REPEATER		
7	COMMAND	PARKPK	CMD/ IA	171.1375		164.1500	146.2	A	CMD/IA PARK PEAK FS REPEATER		
8	COMMAND	HOGBACK	CMD/ IA	171.1375		164.1500	103.5	A	CMD/IA HOGBACK FS REPEATER		
9	TAC	COM USE 1	ALL	168.6125		168.6125		A			
10	COMMAND	UNASSIGNED	ALL	170.4250	131.8	168.0750	131.8	A	UNASSIGNED		
11	COMMAND	UNASSIGNED	ALL	169.5375	131.8	164.7125	131.8	A	UNASSIGNED		
12	AIR TO GROUND	A/G 52		168.3875		168.3875	141.3	A	LOCAL FOREST A/G		
13	COMMAND	MAROON		154.2800		154.2800	156.7	A	STATE FIRE CMD CNTRL		
14	MUTUAL AID	RED		154.0700		154.0700	156.7	A	STATE FIRE MUTUAL AID		
15	LIFE FLIGHT	TAN		155.3400		155.3400	156.7	A	LIFE FLIGHT TAN		
16	AIR GUARD	AIRGUARD	ALL	168.6250		168.6250	110.9	A	AIR GUARD		
5. Prepared by (Communications Unit) Joshua Heiland, Communications Tech 406-274-0765					Incident Location: HELENA, MT County/State: LEWIS CLARK MT			LAST CLONE DATE 07/26/2024			

See Division/Group Assignment List (ICS-204) for specific instructions.



Transportation

Horse Gulch
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15,167 acres at 07/20/2024 1110hrs

0 1 2 3 4 5



Miles



1:264,217 | NRT2 2024 | 7/25/2024 1026

Acres from IR and GPS

North American 1983 Datum, Lat,Long Grid

- Primary Access Roads
- Helispot
- Division Break
- Drop Point
- Wildfire Daily Fire Perimeter
- Primary Highway
- Secondary Highway
- Other Roads
- Forest Service Land
- Other Government Land

Horse Gulch
Finance Hotline: (406) 647-0446

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Horse Gulch Finance is a mix of on-site and virtual staff available to support you and your finance needs. We have established a Finance Hotline to assist you throughout your assignment. Submitting your CTRs and Shift tickets electronically would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the electronic processes, please reach out to us via the Finance Hotline.

Please submit your Shift Ticket / CTR to 2024.horsegulch.finance@firenet.gov, using the following format:

FOR RESOURCES CHECKING IN AND SUBMITTING TIME:

Email Subject Line: Use the "TIME/Resource Order No./ Resource Name/Position Code" format in the subject line with your information.

(Example: **TIME/O-200/SBear/Safety**)

Email all documents that pertain to your assignment:

Agency Overhead	Agency ADs / EFFs	VIPR Resources	Contract / Agency Crews	Cooperators
Resource Order Crew Time Reports (CTRs)	Resource Order Casual Hire Form CTRs	Resource Order VIPR Agreement Schedule of Items Inspections Shift Tickets	Resource Order Manifest Agreement / Contract Schedule of Items Inspections CTRs	Resource Order Agreement Shift Tickets / CTRs

Please submit Equipment Shift Tickets or Crew Time Reports (CTRs) every other day, at a minimum.

Please **include your email address and phone number** in the body of the email when sending your documents, so that we can easily contact you if there are questions.

FOR RESOURCES DEMOBING:

- Complete and email your final CTR/Shift Ticket as soon as you know your travel time. This form will need to be signed by your supervisor.
- Call the Finance Hotline to verify Finance has everything needed. This step will clear you from Finance to start traveling home. It is still necessary to complete demob with the other functions.
- You will receive your final OF-288 or OF-286 within 48 hours, with instructions if applicable.

COMP/CLAIMS Process

COMP Assistance: 575-937-1591

Injuries: COMP will follow the employee's home agency forms and process to the greatest extent possible. It's imperative the injured employee or incident supervisor contact COMP as soon as possible or upon arrival at the hospital/clinic whichever is convenient to facilitate getting the paperwork.

Replacement or Accidents: Different circumstances require different forms be completed. Please contact COMP first to find out which forms are appropriate for your situation, and what additional information might be needed. This will expedite the process.

For incident replacement requests, your Property Loss or Damage Report (OF-289) must include contact name and phone number of person on the incident, a valid email address, home agency name and home unit address. Please obtain statements and signatures from your supervisor and SME prior to submitting. Please provide pictures when possible. QR code links to NR fillable OF-289 form,



Unserviceable items must be turned into COMP/SUPPLY. If items are lost or damaged on the fire line, please provide a copy of the module's standard inventory with the documentation of broken or unserviceable items.

Motor Vehicle Accident	Property Loss or Damage <i>of items that cannot be replaced in Supply</i>
SF-91, Motor Vehicle Accident SF-94 Witness Statement (if app)	OF-289 (2 pages)

**Thank you for helping us to ensure a great
finance experience during your assignment.**

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DEMOBILIZATION PROCESS For Resources Leaving 7/26

- Step 1: (48 hours before intended demob or ASAP if you have not)**
 - Fill out demob request form from the top QR code
 - If you are flying home, fill out flight request form from the second QR Code
- Step 2: On Your Demob Date**
 - Return radios to comms
 - Return any checked out gear or equipment to supply
 - Connect with finance to ensure your CTRs or shift tickets have been submitted and you are cleared to finish demob.
 - Wash equipment in the weed wash or with an engine.
- Step 3: As you leave the incident**
 - Fill out your demob release form on the third QR code. **THIS IS THE LAST STEP OF THE DEMOB PROCESS. PLEASE DO NOT FILL THIS FORM OUT UNTIL ALL PRIOR STEPS ARE COMPLETE!**

Demob Request Form



Flight Request Form

DEMOBILIZATION FOR RESOURCES STAYING PAST 7/26:

- Coordinate with your chain of command to demobilize or be reassigned through dispatch.

DMOB Unit (only valid through 7/26)
2024.horsegulch.demob@firenet.gov

Demob Release Form



ACTIVITY LOG (ICS 214)

1. Incident Name: _____	2. Operational Period: Date From: _____ Date To: _____ Time From: _____ Time To: _____
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3. Name: _____	4. ICS Position: _____	5. Home Agency (and Unit): _____
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6. Resources Assigned:		
Name	ICS Position	Home Agency (and Unit)

7. Activity Log:	
Date/Time	Notable Activities

8. Prepared by: Name: _____	Position/Title: _____	Signature: _____
ICS 214	Date/Time: _____	

MEDICAL PLAN (ICS 206 WF)

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1. Incident/Project Name		2. Operational Period						
Horse Gulch		Date/Time: July 23 thru July 25, 2024 0700-2000						
3. Ambulance Services **Night Emergencies call 911**								
Name	Complete Address	Phone & EMS Frequency		Advanced Life Support (ALS) Yes No				
St. Peters Ambulance	Helena	911		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Broadwater County Ambulance	Townsend	406-266-3441 or 911		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
4. Air Ambulance Services								
Name	Phone	Type of Aircraft & Capability						
Mercy Flight: Great Falls	406-454-6820	Paramedic/Flight Nurse						
Life Flight: Butte/Missoula	1-800-232-0911 or 911	Paramedic/Flight Nurse						
5. Hospitals								
Name Complete Address	GPS Datum – WGS 84 Coordinate Standard Degrees Decimal Minutes DD° MM.MMM' N - Lat DD° MM.MMM' W - Long	Travel Time Air Gnd		Phone	Helipad Yes No	Level of Care Facility		
St. Peters Hospital 2550 E Broadway Helena	Lat: 45/ 34.9014	12	30	406-477-4180	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trauma III	
	Long: 111/ 59.7636							
Benefis Health Care 1101 26th St. Great Falls	Lat: 47/ 34.9014	30	2 Hr	406-455-2500	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trauma III	
	Long: 111/ 15.2766							
DIV A		EMS Responders & Capability:		O-116 Zack Wolfe EMTF 208-957-8413 E-68 Aerie Medicine ALS Incident Ambulance. Staged at Magpie Trenton Harper 406-396-9502				
		Equipment Available on Scene:		Paramedic Line Pack				
		Medical Emergency Channel:		Horse Gulch Communications				
		Approved Helispot:		H 10		H5		H14
		Lat:		46 43.517 N		46 42.140 N		46
		Long:		111 40.048 W		111 43.307 W		111
DIV X		EMS Responders & Capability:		O-115 Bradley Knopp, EMTF 406-916-2773 E-68 Aerie Medicine ALS Incident Ambulance Staged at Magpie Trenton Harper 406-396-9502				
		Medical Emergency Channel:		Horse Gulch Communications				
		Approved Helispot:		H25		H24		H35
		Lat:		46 41.288 N		46 41.813N		46 39.632
		Long:		111 36.222 W		111 35.596W		111 36.028
		Prepared By (Plans Section Chief)		Date/Time		Reviewed By (Safety Officer)		Date/Time
Maggie Epstein		07/25/2024 @ 0843		Tim Benedict		7/25/2024		

MEDICAL PLAN (ICS 206 WF)

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Medical Incident Report

FOR A NON-EMERGENCY INCIDENT, WORK THROUGH CHAIN OF COMMAND TO REPORT AND TRANSPORT INJURED PERSONNEL AS NECESSARY.

FOR A MEDICAL EMERGENCY: IDENTIFY ON-SCENE INCIDENT COMMANDER BY NAME AND POSITION AND ANNOUNCE "MEDICAL EMERGENCY" TO INITIATE RESPONSE FROM IMT COMMUNICATIONS/DISPATCH.

Use the following items to communicate situation to communications/dispatch.

1. CONTACT COMMUNICATIONS / DISPATCH (Verify correct frequency prior to starting report)

Ex: "Communications, Div. Alpha. Stand-by for Emergency Traffic."

2. INCIDENT STATUS: Provide incident summary (including number of patients) and command structure.

Ex: "Communications, I have a Red priority patient, unconscious, struck by a falling tree. Requesting air ambulance to Forest Road 1 at (Lat./Long.) This will be the Trout Meadow Medical, IC is TFLD Jones. EMT Smith is providing medical care."

Severity of Emergency / Transport Priority	<input type="checkbox"/> RED / PRIORITY 1 Life or limb threatening injury or illness. Evacuation need is IMMEDIATE <i>Ex: Unconscious, difficulty breathing, bleeding severely, 2° – 3° burns more than 4 palm sizes, heat stroke, disoriented.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> YELLOW / PRIORITY 2 Serious Injury or illness. Evacuation may be DELAYED if necessary. <i>Ex: Significant trauma, unable to walk, 2° – 3° burns not more than 1-3 palm sizes.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> GREEN / PRIORITY 3 Minor Injury or illness. Non-Emergency transport <i>Ex: Sprains, strains, minor heat-related illness.</i>	
Nature of Injury or Illness & Mechanism of Injury		<i>Brief Summary of Injury or Illness (Ex: Unconscious, Struck by Falling Tree)</i>
Evacuation Request		<i>Air Ambulance / Short Haul/Hoist Ground Ambulance / Other</i>
Patient Location		<i>Descriptive Location & Lat. / Long. (WGS84)</i>
Incident Name		<i>Geographic Name + Medical (Ex: Trout Meadow Medical)</i>
On-Scene Incident Commander		<i>Name of on-scene IC of Incident within an Incident (Ex: TFLD Jones)</i>
Patient Care		<i>Name of Care Provider (Ex: EMT Smith)</i>

3. INITIAL PATIENT ASSESSMENT: Complete this section for each patient as applicable (start with the most severe patient)

Patient Assessment: See IRPG PAGE 106

Treatment:

4. EVACUATION PLAN:

Evacuation Location (if different): (Descriptive Location (drop point, intersection, etc.) or Lat. / Long.) Patient's ETA to Evacuation Location:

Helispot / Extraction Site Size and Hazards:

5. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES / EQUIPMENT NEEDS:

Example: Paramedic/EMT, crews, immobilization devices, AED, oxygen, trauma bag, IV/fluid(s), splints, rope rescue, wheeled litter, HAZMAT, extrication

6. COMMUNICATIONS: Identify State Air/Ground EMS Frequencies and Hospital Contacts as applicable

Function	Channel Name/Number	Receive (RX)	Tone/NAC *	Transmit (TX)	Tone/NAC *
COMMAND					
AIR-TO-GRND					
TACTICAL					

7. CONTINGENCY: Considerations: If primary options fail, what actions can be implemented in conjunction with primary evacuation method? Be thinking ahead..

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Updates/Changes, etc.

REMEMBER: Confirm ETA's of resources ordered. Act according to your level of training. Be Alert. Keep Calm. Think Clearly. Act Decisively.