

# Gill Gulch Fire

Incident Action Plan

Date: 08/11/2025

DAY SHIFT 0600-2200

MT-HLF-000480

P1S76E25 (0115)



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**2025.GILLGULCH.FINANCE@FIRENET.GOV**



Spot Forecast for Gill Gulch Fire...USFS  
National Weather Service Great Falls MT  
456 AM MDT Mon Aug 11 2025

Forecast is based on forecast start time of 0600 MDT on August 10.  
If conditions become unrepresentative...contact the National Weather Service.

.DISCUSSION...

Today it will be slightly cooler than yesterday with isolated showers and thunderstorms around the fire. The greatest risk for thunderstorms is between 1600 and 2000. Tonight there will be good relative humidity recovery. On Tuesday there will be isolated showers and thunderstorms around the fire. Today and tomorrow winds will be around 5 - 10 mph with gusts up to 25 mph.

.TODAY...

Sky/weather.....Mostly sunny (40-50 percent). Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms late in the afternoon.  
CWR.....5 percent.  
Chance of thunder...15 percent.  
Max temperature....70-75.  
Min humidity.....37-42 percent.  
Wind (20 ft).....  
Slope/valley.....West winds around 5 mph shifting to the northwest early in the morning. Gusty and erratic winds expected near thunderstorms late in the afternoon.  
Ridgetop.....Northwest 15 to 20 mph becoming north 5 to 10 mph early in the morning, then decreasing to around 0 mph late in the morning shifting to the west late in the morning increasing to around 10 mph.  
Mixing height.....6500 ft AGL.  
Transport winds....Northwest 5 to 10 mph shifting to the west 10 to 15 mph late in the afternoon.

TIME (MDT)	6AM	7AM	8AM	9AM	10A	11A	12P	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM
Sky (%)	33	35	36	38	39	40	41	45	48	52	50	48
Weather cov												SCH
Weather type												RW
Tstm cov												SCH
CWR	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Chc of thdr (%)	0	0	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	20
Temp	54	53	56	59	63	65	67	69	70	71	72	72
RH	67	67	64	58	55	51	48	45	44	43	43	43
20 FT wind dir	W	W	NW	N	NW	NW	W	NW	NW	NW	NW	N
20 FT wind spd	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	10	10	5
20 FT wind gust	10	10	10	10	10	10	15	15	15	15	15	15
Ridge wind dir	NW	NW	N	N	N	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Ridge wind spd	20	15	10	5	0	0	5	5	5	10	10	10
Mix hgt (kft)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	2.0	3.5	4.5	6.0	6.5	6.5	6.5	5.5
Transp wind dir	W	W	NW	NW	NW	W	NW	W	W	W	W	W
Transp wind spd	5	5	5	5	5	10	10	10	15	15	15	10

.TONIGHT...

Sky/weather.....Partly cloudy (25-35 percent).  
CWR.....5 percent.  
Chance of thunder...13 percent.  
Min temperature....49-54.  
Max humidity.....75-80 percent.  
Wind (20 ft).....  
Slope/valley.....North winds around 5 mph shifting to the east overnight.  
Ridgetop.....West around 10 mph shifting to the north early

in the evening, then shifting to the southeast  
late in the evening shifting to the south  
overnight.

Mixing height.....0 ft AGL.

Transport winds.....West around 10 mph shifting to the northeast  
early in the evening, then shifting to the east  
in the late evening and overnight.

TIME (MDT)	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10P	11P	MID	1AM	2AM	3AM	4AM	5AM
Sky (%)	46	41	35	30	26	23	19	16	13	10	10	9
Weather cov	....											
Weather type	....											
Tstm cov	.....											
CWR	.....10	10	10	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chc of thdr (%)	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temp	.....71	70	67	63	60	58	57	56	55	52	52	52
RH	.....43	46	50	57	65	70	71	74	77	80	79	80
20 FT wind dir	..N	N	NE	NE	NE	E	E	E	E	E	E	SE
20 FT wind spd	..5	5	5	5	5	10	10	5	5	5	5	5
20 FT wind gust	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	10	10	10	10
Ridge wind dir	..W	NW	N	N	NE	E	SE	S	S	S	S	SW
Ridge wind spd	..10	10	5	5	5	5	10	10	10	10	10	10
Mix hgt (kft)	...4.0	1.5	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Transp wind dir	..W	N	NE	NE	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Transp wind spd	..10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	5	5

.TUESDAY...

Sky/weather.....Sunny (5-15 percent).

CWR.....0 percent.

Chance of thunder...0 percent.

Max temperature.....75-80.

Min humidity.....20-25 percent.

Wind (20 ft).....

Slope/valley.....South winds around 5 mph shifting to the west  
in the afternoon.

Ridgetop.....Southwest 10 to 15 mph increasing to west 20 to  
25 mph in the afternoon.

Mixing height.....8000 ft AGL.

Transport winds.....East around 5 mph shifting to the south early  
in the morning, then shifting to the west late  
in the morning increasing to 15 to 20 mph in  
the afternoon.

TIME (MDT)	6AM	7AM	8AM	9AM	10A	11A	12P	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM
Sky (%)	9	7	6	4	5	5	9	9	9	13	13	13
Weather cov	....											
Weather type	....											
Tstm cov	.....											
CWR	.....0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chc of thdr (%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temp	.....51	52	54	57	63	67	69	72	74	75	76	77
RH	.....80	78	72	65	52	43	38	33	30	28	26	25
20 FT wind dir	..SE	SE	S	S	S	SW	W	W	W	W	W	W
20 FT wind spd	..5	5	5	5	5	5	5	10	10	10	10	10
20 FT wind gust	10	10	10	10	10	15	15	20	20	20	20	20
Ridge wind dir	..SW	SW	SW	SW	SW	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Ridge wind spd	..10	10	10	15	15	15	15	20	20	20	25	25
Mix hgt (kft)	...0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.0	3.5	5.5	6.5	7.5	7.5	8.0	8.0
Transp wind dir	..E	S	S	S	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Transp wind spd	..5	5	5	5	5	10	15	15	20	20	20	20

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Forecaster...Gesell

Requested by...Hannah Pinkerton

Type of request...WILDFIRE

.TAG 2519519.2/TFX

.DELDT 08/1125

## INCIDENT OBJECTIVES (ICS 202)

<b>1. Incident Name:</b>		<b>2. Operational Period:</b>	
GILL GULCH		Date/Time From: 08/11/2025 0600      MON	Date/Time To: 08/11/2025 2200      MON
<b>3. Objective(s):</b> 1. Provide for firefighter and public safety. 2. Limit fire spread towards structures located in Stemple/Poorman Creek drainage. 3. Keep fire east of Dalton Mtn. Road and west of Stemple Pass Road 4. Utilize a confine/contain strategy keep the fire footprint as small as possible.			
<b>4. Operational Period Command Emphasis:</b> Establish anchor points; anchor, flank, pinch. Triage and prep structures beginning with south side of Stemple Pass Road.			
<b>General Situational Awareness:</b> Fire is located in an area with heavy dead and down, numerous snags, and steep terrain. Be aware of any heavy equipment in your area and watch for signs of fatigue.			
<b>5. Site Safety Plan Required?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<b>Approved Site Safety Plan(s) Located at:</b>			
<b>6. Incident Action Plan</b> (the items checked below are included in this Incident Action Plan): <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 202      <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 207  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 203      <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 208  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 204      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 220  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 205      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map/Chart  <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 205A      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather Forecast/Tides/Currents  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 206         </div> <div style="width: 45%;">           Other Attachments:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>FOOD STORAGE ORDER</u>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>SAFETY MESSAGE</u>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>FINANCE MESSAGE</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> _____         </div> </div>			
<b>7. Prepared by:</b> HANNAH PINKERTON		<b>Position/Title:</b> PSC3(T)	
<b>8. Approved by Incident Commander:</b>		<b>Signature:</b> <i>Hannah Pinkerton</i>	
<b>ICS 202</b>		<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>IAP Page</b>		<b>Date/Time:</b>	

# ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST (ICS 203)

<b>1. Incident Name:</b>		<b>2. Operational Period:</b>	
GILL GULCH		Date/Time From: 08/11/2025 0600 MON	Date/Time To: 08/11/2025 2200 MON
<b>3. Incident Commander(s) and Command Staff:</b>		CHIEF	
IC/UC	JAREL KURTZ TODD BURBRIDGE (T)	PLANNING OPS	
DEPUTY		OPS SECTION CHIEF	BAJIN SMITH (T)
SAFETY OFFICER	LARRY WELSH	DEPUTY OPS SECTION CHIEF	
INFORMATION OFFICER	VERONICA GOODING	STAGING AREA	
LIAISON OFFICER			
<b>4. Agency/Organization Representative(s):</b>		DIVISION/GROUP	ALPHA SAM SULSER JAKE SHARBONO (T)
Agency/Organization	Name	DIVISION/GROUP	IA GROUP ROBERT SMITH
USFS-HLF	JIM YARBROUGH AARON WEBBER (T) / KEVIN DOHERTY (T)	DIVISION/GROUP	ZULU WILL MENNING
RESOURCE ADVISOR	JACK FENNELL FOREST MOULTON	<b>7b. Air Operations Branch:</b>	
USFS-HLF	DO-JAREL KURTZ	AIR OPS BRANCH DIRECTOR	
<b>5. Planning Section:</b>		AIR ATTACK SUPERVISOR	
CHIEF	HANNAH PINKERTON (T)	AIR SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	
DEPUTY		HELICOPTER COORDINATOR	
RESOURCES UNIT		AIR TANKER COORDINATOR	
SITUATION UNIT		<b>8. Finance/Administration Section:</b>	
DOCUMENTATION UNIT		CHIEF	AMY ERICKSON
DEMOBILIZATION UNIT		DEPUTY	
FIRE BEHAVIOR ANALYST		TIME UNIT	
HUMAN RESOURCE SPECIALIST		PROCUREMENT UNIT	
TRAINING SPECIALIST		COMPENSATION UNIT	
GIS SPECIALIST	DAVID BYRD	COST UNIT	
TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SPECIALIST		IMBA	KIMIE DENNEY
INCIDENT METEOROLOGIST			
<b>6. Logistics Section:</b>			
CHIEF	NICK BOUCHER		
DEPUTY			
SUPPLY UNIT			
FACILITIES UNIT			
GROUND SUPPORT UNIT			
COMMUNICATIONS UNIT			
MEDICAL UNIT			
SECURITY UNIT			
FOOD UNIT			
<b>7. Operations Section:</b>			
DAY OPS SECTION CHIEF			
NIGHT OPS SECTION			
<b>9. Prepared By:</b> Name: HANNAH PINKERTON		Position/Title: PSC3(T)	Signature:
ICS 203	IAP Page	Date/Time: 08/10/2025 1845	<i>Hannah Pinkerton</i>

# Division/Group Assignment List (ICS 204 WF)

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<b>1. Incident Name:</b>				<b>3.</b>			
GILL GULCH				<b>Branch:</b>		<b>Division/Group:</b>  <b>ALPHA</b>	
<b>2. Operational Period:</b>							
Date/Time From: 08/11/2025 0600      MON		Date/Time To: 08/11/2025 2200      MON					
<b>4. Operations Personnel</b>							
<b>OPERATIONS CHIEF</b>		BAJIN SMITH (T)		<b>BRANCH DIRECTOR</b>			
<b>DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR</b>		SAM SULSER JAKE SHARBONO (T)		<b>AIR ATTACK SUPERVISOR</b>			
<b>5. Resources Assigned this Period</b>							
Strike Team / Task Force / Resource Designator		LWD	Leader	Number Persons	Drop Off PT./Time	Pick Up PT./Time	
DIVS SULSER		12/12	SAM SULSER	1	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUND CAMP/2200	
HEQB KRIER		08/18	DILLON KRIER	1	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUND CAMP/2200	
HEQB(T) ILES		08/18	DON ILES	1	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUND CAMP/2200	
O-2 HEQB(T) SAGAN		08/19	MATT SAGAN	1	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUND CAMP/2200	
E-1 DOZER		08/18	WIRTH	2	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUND CAMP/2200	
E-2 FELLER BUNCHER		08/18	24/7	2	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUND CAMP/2200	
E-3 FELLER BUNCHER		08/18	24/7	1	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUND CAMP/2200	
E-4 EXCAVATOR		08/18	BULL CREEK	2	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUND CAMP/2200	
E-7 SKIDGEN		08/19	JAMES AUSTIN	2	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUND CAMP/2200	
E-8 SKIDDER		08/19	24/7	2	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUND CAMP/2200	
E-19 SKIDGEN		08/21	WIRTH	2	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUND CAMP/2200	
E-20 WATER TENDER		08/21	MEADOW CREEK CONTRACTING	2	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUND CAMP/2200	
O-1 DIVS(T) SHARBONO		08/19	JAKE SHARBONO	1	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUND CAMP/2200	
C-5 HELENA REGULARS T2IA			WILL/HENDRICKSON(T)	21	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUND CAMP/2200	
LINCOLN T4 E-441		08/18	RIDDLE	4	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUND CAMP/2200	
C-2 CUSTER-GALLATIN T2IA		08/11	CAREY/JOHNSTON(T)	23	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUND CAMP/2200	
C-3 GREAT NORTHERN T2IA		08/11	BUCKLEY/PALMER(T)	21	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUND CAMP/2200	
<b>8. Division/Group Communication Summary</b>							
Function	Channel	RX Frequency N/W	RX Tone/NAC	TX Frequency N/W	TX Tone/NAC	Mode	
COMMAND	REPEATERS/STO	171.1375		164.1500	192.8	M	
TACTICAL	FIRETAC	167.1125		167.1125	146.2	M	
AIR TO GROUND	A/G PRIMARY	169.2875		169.2875			
AIR TO GROUND	A/G SECONDARY	169.0875		169.0875			
<b>9. Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader)</b>			<b>Approved By (Planning Section Chief)</b>			<b>Date</b>	
HP			HANNAH PINKERTON			08/10/2025	
						<b>Time</b> 1845	

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1. Incident Name:				3.			
GILL GULCH				Branch:		Division/Group:  IA GROUP	
2. Operational Period:							
Date/Time From: 08/11/2025 0600 MON		Date/Time To: 08/11/2025 2200 MON					
4. Operations Personnel							
OPERATIONS CHIEF				DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR		ROBERT SMITH	
DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR				AIR ATTACK SUPERVISOR			
5. Resources Assigned this Period							
Strike Team / Task Force / Resource Designator		LWD	Leader	Number Persons	Drop Off PT./Time	Pick Up PT./Time	
T6 NORTH CAROLINA E-691		08/19	TROUT-THOMAS	4	RODEO GROUND CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUND CAMP/2200	
E-18 CHIPPER		08/21	ROBERT DILLON TREE SERVICE	2	RODEO GROUND CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUND CAMP/2200	
6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:							
Support fire activities and respond to initial attack.							
7. Special Instructions:							
8. Division/Group Communication Summary							
Function	Channel	RX Frequency N/W	RX Tone/NAC	TX Frequency N/W	TX Tone/NAC	Mode	
COMMAND	REPEATERS/STO	171.1375		164.1500	192.8		
AIR TO GROUND	A/G 52	168.3875		168.3875	167.9		
TACTICAL	CREW ONE	168.725		168.725	131.8		
9. Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader)		Approved By (Planning Section Chief)			Date	Time	
HP		HANNAH PINKERTON			08/10/2025	1845	



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<b>1. Incident Name:</b>				<b>3.</b>			
GILL GULCH				<b>Branch:</b>		<b>Division/Group:</b>  <b>ZULU</b>	
<b>2. Operational Period:</b>							
Date/Time From: 08/11/2025 0600      MON		Date/Time To: 08/11/2025 2200      MON					
<b>4. Operations Personnel</b>							
<b>OPERATIONS CHIEF</b>		BAJIN SMITH (T)		<b>BRANCH DIRECTOR</b>			
<b>DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR</b>		WILL MENNING		<b>AIR ATTACK SUPERVISOR</b>			
<b>5. Resources Assigned this Period</b>							
Strike Team / Task Force / Resource Designator	LWD	Leader	Number Persons	Drop Off PT./Time	Pick Up PT./Time		
O-7 HEQB GRANTIER	08/15	COLTON GRANTIER	1	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/2200		
O-9 HEQB(T) NELSON	08/20	GAVIN NELSON	1	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/2200		
O-18 HEQB(T) ANDREWS	08/17	COLE ANDREWS	1	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/2200		
O-21 HEQB SEIDEL	08/21	TIM SEIDEL	1	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/2200		
E-10 EXCAVATOR	08/20	WIRTH	2	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/2200		
E-11 FELLER BUNCHER	08/21	CALDBECK LOGGING	2	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/2200		
E-12 FELLER BUNCHER	08/21	HOLLIDAY	2	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/2200		
E-13 FELLER BUNCHER	08/21	CALDBECK LOGGING	2	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/2200		
E-14 EXCAVATOR	08/20	VALLEY SAND AND	2	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/2200		
E-15 DOZER	08/20	WIRTH	2	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/2200		
E-16 SKIDDER	08/20	INTERMOUNTAIN	2	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/2200		
E-17 SKIDDER	08/20	COPENHAVER	2	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/2200		
E-22 SKIDDER	08/22	BULL CREEK FORESTRY	2	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/0600	RODEO GROUNDS CAMP/2200		
<b>6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:</b>							
Task: Create shaded fuel break along private land Purpose: Community Protection End State: Support anchor point							
<b>7. Special Instructions:</b>							
<b>8. Division/Group Communication Summary</b>							
Function	Channel	RX Frequency N/W	RX Tone/NAC	TX Frequency N/W	TX Tone/NAC	Mode	
COMMAND	REPEATERS/STO	171.1375		164.1500	192.8	M	
TACTICAL	GREEN	171.4750		171.4750	103.5	M	
AIR TO GROUND	A/G PRIMARY	169.2875		169.2875			
AIR TO GROUND	A/G SECONDARY	169.0875		169.0875			
<b>9. Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader)</b>		<b>Approved By (Planning Section Chief)</b>			<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	
HP		HANNAH PINKERTON			08/10/2025	1845	

# INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN (ICS 205)

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1. Incident Name:				2. Date/Time Prepared:			3. Operational Period:			
GILL GULCH				Date: 08/10/2025 Time: 1845			Date/Time From: 08/11/2025 0600 MON		Date/Time To: 08/11/2025 2200 MON	
4. Basic Radio Channel Use:										
Zone Group	Ch #	Function	Channel Name/Trunked Radio System Talkgroup	Assignment	RX Freq	RX Tone/NAC	TX Freq	TX Tone/NAC	Mode (A,D, or M)	Remarks
5	2	COMMAND	REPEATERS/STONEWALL		171.1375		164.1500	192.8	M	
5	4	TACTICAL	FIRETAC	DIV ALPHA	167.1125		167.1125	146.2	M	
5	5	TACTICAL	GREEN	DIV ZULU	171.4750		171.4750	103.5	M	
5	3	TACTICAL	CREW ONE	IA GROUP	168.725		168.725	131.8		
		AIR TO GROUND	A/G PRIMARY		169.2875		169.2875		M	
		AIR TO GROUND	A/G SECONDARY		169.0875		169.0875			
2	15	AIR GUARD	TAN	MEDICAL EMERGENCY	155.3400		155.3400	156.7		
5. Special Instructions:										
6. Prepared By (Communications Unit Leader)				Name: HANNAH PINKERTON			Signature: <i>Hannah Pinkerton</i>			
ICS 205				IAP Page			Date/Time: 08/10/2025 1845			

# Finance Message

Finance will accept equipment and time sheets electronically or hard copy.

If you submit paper copies do it at the morning at briefing.

If sending your CTRs and Shift tickets to the incident email [2025.gillgulch.finance@firenet.gov](mailto:2025.gillgulch.finance@firenet.gov),

How to submit a shift ticket or CTR electronically.

Take a picture of the shift ticket or CTR, no need to make it a PDF.

Send the picture through your email or text message to 2025.gillgulch.finance@firenet.gov.

Please do not reduce file size.

Email- please put your resource order number in the subject line.

If texting, you can put the email address in the “To” line, just like you would if texting a person.

Hit send.

An automated message is set up, you will “received” message. If you do not receive a message, please send again.

Please submit time every day. Thank you!

If you have any questions, contact Finance directly.

Amy Erickson 406-499-5609

# Logistics Message

Use the Northern Rockies Chainsaw Parts Order Form for all saw part orders.

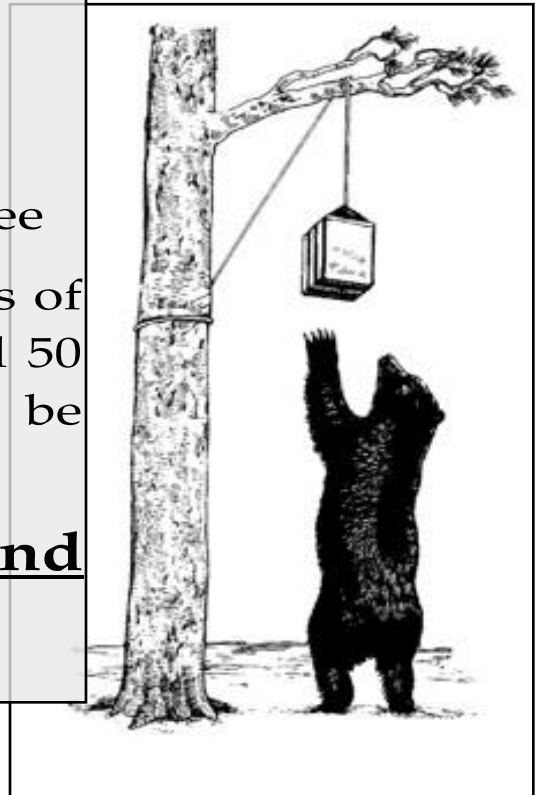
OF289 Property Loss and Damage forms are required when requesting replacements for durable items; if the OF289 is not present with the request it will be sent back.

## Food Storage Order

For your safety, and the safety of others, it is required to:

**STORE ALL FOOD, Beverages, garbage and ATTRACTANTS IN  
ONE OF THE BEAR RESISTANT METHODS LISTED BELOW:**

- Approved bearboxes or bear proof coolers **with locks/bolts.**
- **In a hardshell topper or inside the truck cab.**
- Approved bear proof electric fence
- Hung from a tree limb, or pole 10 feet above the ground and 4 feet from the tree
- Attended by a human at least 18 years of age within 100 feet during the day and 50 feet at night (Carcasses cannot be “attended” at night).
- **Pick up all food scraps and dispose of waste properly.**



In addition, it is required all trash and food scraps if burned, must be done in a contained method, such as a woodstove, not an open campfire.

# Falling Snags

Snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) and other hazard trees present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; they are subject to rot and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw firebrands far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning. Live, green trees that have been weakened by insects, disease, weather, past fires, and age present equal hazard and can fall without warning.

- The risk of injuries from hazard trees increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags and weakened live trees may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of fire weakened or dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from hazard trees: Strong winds or erratic winds from storm cells. Night operations. Machine operations. Air operations - cargo drops, water or retardant drops, helicopter take off/landing, low-level flights. Steep slopes. Diseased or bug-killed areas.
- Things to consider when assessing the potential dangers of hazard trees: Trees have been burning for an extended period. High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area. Numerous downed trees. Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead. Accumulation of downed limbs. Tree decay, cavities, splits, and cracks. Absence of needles, bark, or limbs. Leaning or hung-up trees. Roots damaged by equipment or erosion.
- Mitigation measures to take: Identify and flag all high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Use qualified saw teams and felling bosses. Establish lookouts. Plan a quick and safe escape route. Do not turn your back on a falling tree. Maintain situational awareness.

## Lessons Lost

### Logging eTool - Felling Trees - Potential Hazards

**Category:** Felling Safety

**References:**

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**Medical Plan (ICS 206 WF)**  
**Controlled Unclassified Information//Basic**

1. Incident/Project Name:		2. Operational Period:					
GILL GULCH		Date/Time From: 08/11/2025 0600      MON		Date/Time To: 08/11/2025 2200      MON			
3. Ambulance Services							
Name	Complete Address	Phone & EMS Frequency	Advanced Life Support (ALS)				
			Yes	No			
LINCOLN VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE	LINCOLN, MT	911		X			
VITALOGY EMS REMS	DIV ALPHA	FIRETAC	X				
AMBO-1 FIRELINE MEDICS	DIV ALPHA		X				
4. Air Ambulance Services							
Name	Phone	Type of Aircraft	Capability				
MERCY FLIGHT	(800) 972-4000		ALS				
LIFE FLIGHT	(800) 232-0911		ALS				
ALERT AIR	(406) 752-9797		ALS				
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		Phone	Helipad		Level of Care Facility
		Air	Ground		Yes	No	
ST PETERS HOSPITAL 2525 E BROADWAY HELENA, MT	Lat:	20 MIN	90 MIN	(406) 442-2480	X		LEVEL III TRAUMA
	Long:						
	VHF:						
ST PATRICKS HOSPITAL 500 W BROADWAY MISSOULA, MT	Lat:	40 MIN	120 MIN	(406) 543-7271	X		LEVEL II TRAUMA
	Long:						
	VHF:						
BENEFIS 1101 26TH ST S GREAT FALLS, MT	Lat:	40 MIN	120 MIN	(406) 455-5000	X		LEVELL 11 TRAUMA
	Long:						
	VHF:						
UNIVERSITY MEDICAL 50 MEDICAL DR SALT LAKE CITY, UT	Lat:	90 MIN		(801) 581-2700	X		LEVEL I BURN
	Long:						
	VHF:						
6. Area Location Capability							
8. Prepared By (Medical Unit Leader)		9. Date/Time	10. Reviewed By (Safety Officer)			11. Date/Time	
PINKERTON		08/10/2025 1845					

**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.**  
*Ex: Sprains, strains, minor heat-related illness.*

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