**Tuesday - August 25, 2015** **COORDINATION PLAN**

**GV - Area Command**

*Van Bruggen Area Command Team*

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Location: Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forests

Supervisors Office, Kamiah, Idaho

GV Area Command is established between the Nez Perce Tribe, Idaho Department of State Lands, U.S. Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Assigned incidents and priority: **1** Motorway Complex (Kusicko), **2** Clearwater (Poncin), **3** Selway Complex (Dueitt), **4** Municipal Complex (Wilkins).

**Area Command Strategic Goals:**

1. Use the best available science and technology to acquire information, analyze risks and tradeoffs for decision-making by Area Command Staff and for providing assistance to decision-making by Agency Administrators and Incident Management Teams.
2. Evaluate exposure, fatigue and other aspects of human safety in the fire environment and develop strategies to optimize the tradeoffs between protection of public safety, potential for harm to firefighters and values across the landscape.
3. Assess potential for short and long term impacts from the fires and management actions and develop strategies to limit undesired effects.
4. Facilitate effective and efficient use of fire management resources. Provide coordination and oversight to Incident Management Teams assigned within Area Command.
5. Develop strategies to continually reduce incident complexity until an Area Command is no longer needed.

**Agency Administrators' Expectations:**

1. Provide strategic oversight.
2. Coordinate allocation of scarce resources.
3. Coordinate resource needs with Northern Rockies MAC.
4. Coordinate effective interaction between all of the agency administrators and incident commanders.
5. Continue coordinated information strategy.
6. Coordinate long-term strategies for the management of each fire.
7. Coordinate governmental affairs.
8. Coordinate area closures.
9. Review and enhance TFR’s and airspace coordination and other aviation needs.

**Roles and Responsibilities of Area Command**

1. Ensure that activities are coordinated within the framework of pertinent laws, agency policies, and direction provided in the Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) or other decision support processes and by Agency Administrator (AA) direction.
2. Prioritize fires based on values at risk established by the agency administrators.
3. Coordinate with all governmental entities.
4. Allocate critical resources between incidents.
5. Reconcile issues between two or more agency administrators.
6. Respond to Geographic Area needs

**Area Command Doctrine**

1. Equal authority for Area Commander and Assistant Area Commanders;
2. Operate on a strategic basis only; do not become involved with incident suppression operations or tactics;
3. Act as facilitators, strategic priority setters;
4. Keep the Agency Administrators informed and involved;
5. Do not place excessive demands on IC's or their staffs;
6. Set priorities for critical resources by incident based on values at risk;
7. Maximize effectiveness by using the person with the highest chance of success dealing with IC's, agencies, and local problems;
8. Keep it simple, safe, and cost effective.
9. Coordinate demobilization and

redistribution of resources.

**Area Command Coordination Schedule**

**Bridge Call-In:1-888-844-9904 Pass-code: 3262855#**

Clear and frequent communications are critical to aviation and ground safety. A daily conference call is conducted between IMT's and Area Command to facilitate communications, situational updates, Resource Status, (use & needs), Risk Management issues and Demobilization are topics covered during the call.

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| **0730** | **Forest/ACT/Incident Commanders Call** |
| **0830** | **ACT/IC Call** |
| **1700** | **MAC/ACT/IC Call** |

**ACT Expectations:**

1. If a team is considering ordering any unusual aviation asset, or is considering conducting large/complex aerial ignition operations, or large or sustained crew shuttle operations, the team will inform Area Command Aviation, in advance.
2. Potential demob of aircraft, crews, and engines will be communicated by Dispatch to Area Command.

**Major Injury or Fatality Doctrine**

When a major injury or fatality occurs on an incident within an established Area Command, it is the responsibility of the Incident Management Team to respond, size-up the situation, communicate with local responders, and provide care for the injured. Area Command's role is to provide coordination and communication both internally and externally. When a serious incident, accident, injury, or fatality occurs within Area Command the following will be done:

1. Incident Management Teams will respond within their established "Incident within an

Incident" procedures and their Medical Plan.

1. Incident Management Teams will notify local Law Enforcement, when appropriate.
2. Incident Management Teams will notify Local Dispatch Office and Area Command.
3. Area Command will notify Agency Administrators, the Sub-geographic and Geographic MAC Groups.
4. Area Command will work with the Geographic MAC and assure that the proper level of investigation is mobilized to the incident. Area Command will facilitate the Investigation and Critical Incident Stress Teams(s) needs if necessary.
5. Area Command will keep all parties updated as the situation develops.
6. Area Command will assist Agency Administrators in accomplishing their duties.
7. Area Command will notify the Area Joint Information Center and work with the Agency Administrator on the release of information to the public.
8. Agency Administrator will lead in fiscal, human resources processes associated with an incident, accident and/or fatality.

10. Local Law Enforcement will respond to incidents and take the lead in notification of families with the Agency Administrator.

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