

**REVISION 1**

# **LOWLINE FIRE**

CO-GMF-000176 - P2 QFT2 (0204)[P]

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023 –  
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023**

Day Operational Period 0630 – 2130



**Bryan Gaines, IC  
Theo Engel, IC(t)**

INCIDENT INFORMATION: 970.648.4470

**IAP & MAPS`**



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## INCIDENT OBJECTIVES (ICS 202)

<b>1. Incident Name:</b>	<b>2. Operational Period: DAY</b>	
LOWLINE	Date/Time From: 08/12/2023 0630      SAT	Date/Time To: 08/14/2023 2130      MON
<b>3. Objective(s):</b>		
<p><b>OBJECTIVES FOR FIREFIGHTER AND PUBLIC SAFETY</b>            Safety of Firefighters and the public will be the highest priority throughout all phases of the incident. Manage the risk to fire fighters and the public by utilizing a risk-based approach to decision making. Ensure quality tradeoff conversations occur with Agency Administrators, partners, and stakeholders.</p> <p><b>OBJECTIVES FOR PROTECTION OF VALUES AT RISK</b>            Utilize appropriate fire strategies to minimize fire impacts on residences, commercial properties, critical community infrastructure to reduce the potential for adverse health, social, financial, and economic hardships. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structures within the planning area including but not limited to Wilderness Streams, isolated ranches and private properties along CR730, Mill Creek, and Eagle Ridge Ranch.</li> <li>• Critical Gunnison Sage Grouse Habitat</li> <li>• Critical water infrastructure resources (reservoirs, dams, ditches)</li> <li>• Cultural and historical resources including but not limited to Castle Creek Cow Camp</li> <li>• Agricultural and Ranching Operations</li> <li>• Antelope Timber Sale</li> </ul> <p><b>OBJECTIVES FOR INFORMATION AND RELATIONSHIPS</b>            Maintain and enhance relationships with cooperators, stakeholders, the local community and adjoining agencies through effective and timely communication, engagement and information sharing. Consider operational strategies that minimize the impact of smoke to sensitive areas and receptors by adjusting tactics, monitoring smoke impacts, and following guidance in state smoke management plans and coordinating with state and local Air Quality Control Commission.</p>		
<b>4. Operational Period Command Emphasis:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Manage risk to firefighters by ensuring hazards are identified, assessed, and where possible mitigated. Be prepared to accept residual risk when values threatened warrant it and the probability of achieving objectives is high.</li> <li>2. Utilize strategies and tactics that commit responders only to operations where and when they can be successful, and under conditions where important values at risk are protected with the least exposure necessary.</li> <li>3. Contain and control portions of the fire that are a threat to identified values to be protected.</li> <li>4. Mop-up to the extent necessary to prevent escape of the fire and additional spread or damage to other values within the perimeter.</li> <li>5. Implement practices that reduce the potential for spread of infectious disease, such as distributed operations, adhering to CDC guidelines and other actions that improve the health environment for firefighters and support personnel.</li> </ol>		
<b>General Situational Awareness:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete a good size up of your work area to mitigate hazards.</li> <li>2. Be prepared for changing weather conditions.</li> <li>3. Minimize firefighter exposure to falling tree hazards.</li> <li>4. Know who you are working for.</li> </ol>		
<b>7. Prepared by:</b> MARTY KREPFL	<b>Position/Title:</b> PSCC (T)	<b>Signature:</b>
<b>8. Approved by Incident Commander:</b>	<b>Name:</b> BRYAN GAINES	<b>Signature:</b>
<b>ICS 202</b>	<b>IAP Page</b>	<b>Date/Time:</b> 08/11/2023 2000

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<b>5. Site Safety Plan Required?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<b>Approved Site Safety Plan(s) Located</b>			
<b>6. Incident Action Plan</b> (the items checked below are included in this Incident Action Plan):			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 202	<input type="checkbox"/> ICS 207	<b>Other Attachments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 203	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 208		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 204	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 220		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 205	<input type="checkbox"/> Map/Chart		
<input type="checkbox"/> ICS 205A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather Forecast/Tides/Currents		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 206			
<b>7. Prepared by:</b> MARTY KREPFL		<b>Position/Title:</b> PSCC (T)	<b>Signature:</b>
<b>8. Approved by Incident Commander:</b>		<b>Name:</b> BRYAN GAINES	<b>Signature:</b>
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## ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST (ICS 203)

<b>1. Incident Name:</b>		<b>2. Operational Period:</b> DAY	
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<b>3. Incident Commander(s) and Command Staff:</b>			
IC/UC	BRYAN GAINES THEO ENGEL (T)		
INFORMATION OFFICER	MARYA WASHBURN		<b>7. Operations Section:</b>
SAFETY OFFICER	BRIAN AYERS		OPS SECTION CHIEF PATRICK BLAIR; CAM SHAUNESSY
		DIVISION/GROUP	A / Z BELA HARRINGTON MERRITT CUTTEN (T)
<b>4. Agency/Organization Representative(s):</b>		DIVISION/GROUP	W RYAN ROMERO
<b>Agency/Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>	DIVISION/GROUP	X UNSTAFFED
USFS	CURTIS KEETCH DAYLE FUNKA	DIVISION/GROUP	Y COREY CORREA CHRIS KNIGHT (T)
DFPC	LUKE ODOM JOE DUENSING	<b>8. Finance/Administration Section:</b>	
GUNNISON COUNTY SHERIFF	ADAM MURDIE UNDER SHERIFF - JOHN ASHE	CHIEF	DALE HARRISON COURTNEY MURRAY
GUNNISON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	SCOTT MORRIL LISA CLAY	TIME UNIT	JOANIE KISER DEANNA WALKER
DHSEM	BOBBIE LUCERO DREW PETERSEN	EQUIPMENT TIME RECORDER	MARISSA GIAMPAOLI
LEAD READ	HEIDI PLANK		
READS	AARON LAMP RYAN FRICKE		
<b>5. Planning Section:</b>			
CHIEF	JIM JAMINET TERI PARVIN (T)		
RESOURCES UNIT	SHAWNA MARTINEZ		
GISS	TONY SMITH (V); PAM KING (T) (V)		
INCIDENT METEOROLOGIST	BRUNO RODRIGUEZ		
AIR RESOURCE ADVISOR	YANCEY RANSPOT		
<b>6. Logistics Section:</b>			
CHIEF	MIKE BURCHARD CARRIE POWELL (T)		
SUPPLY UNIT	MARIE BUTLER		
FACILITIES UNIT	THOMAS HEALY (T)		
BASE CAMP MANAGER	CARLOS GONZALEZ		
GROUND SUPPORT UNIT	DARREN SCHROCK (T)		
SECURITY UNIT	DAN WATSON; ADAM CASEY DON LOVE		
ORDERING MANAGER	JON GRASKEWICZ (T)		
COMMUNICATIONS UNIT	MIKE HUNTER		
<b>9. Prepared By:</b>			
<b>Name:</b>	TERI PARVIN	<b>Position/Title:</b>	PSC3(T) <b>Signature:</b>
ICS 203	IAP Page	<b>Date/Time:</b>	08/11/2023 0821



# WEATHER FORECAST

SIGNED - *Bruno Rodriguez* - IMET  
208-577-1624 | bruno.rodriguez@noaa.gov



INCIDENT & UNIT: PREDICTION FOR:	Lowline   CO-GMF-000176 Sunday 08-13-2023	FORECAST #: ISSUED:	15 08-12-2023 2000 MDT
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## DISCUSSION

Expect sunnier conditions in the morning as the plume of moisture aloft pushes farther southeast. While we'll be on the fringe of the moisture, moderate precipitation chances will return, only slightly lower than yesterday. Rain showers will develop over the higher terrain around 1300-1400, with rainfall chances continuing into the evening. With morning sun, humidity will be slightly lower and temperatures warmer, but wind will see little change.

24-hr Rainfall Probabilities:       $\geq 0.01"$  ... 45%       $> 0.10"$  ... 15%       $> 0.25"$  ... 4%       $> 0.50"$  ... 2%

## TODAY ISOLATED PM T-STORMS IN THE AREA

**DISCUSSION:** Mostly sunny in the morning, giving way to afternoon cumulus clouds and isolated showers. Expect lower daytime humidity given increased solar insolation. Winds will see little change.

	<b>High Temperatures</b>	Up 3-6F		<b>Minimum Relative Humidity</b>	Down 7-13%
	Castleton Ranch W Elk Wilderness	72-77F 66-70F		Castleton Ranch W Elk Wilderness	37-45% 40-47%

	<b>20-ft Wind</b>	<b>Castleton Ranch - 8,400 ft</b>	<b>W Elk Wilderness - 10,000 ft</b>
		Variable <6 mph through 1300. Then north-northwest 6-9 mph with gusts to 17 mph in the afternoon.	Variable <6 mph through 1300. West 6-9 mph in the afternoon with gusts to 18 mph.

Inversion Lifting: ~1000    Mixing Height: 9,000 ft AGL    LAL: 2    CHC of Rain ( $\geq 0.01"$ )/Wetting Rain ( $\geq 0.10"$ ): 45% / 15%

## TONIGHT EXCELLENT HUMIDITY RECOVERY

**DISCUSSION:** A lingering shower possible in the evening. Light and variable winds with excellent humidity recovery, particularly across the lower elevations.

	<b>Low Temperatures</b>	Steady		<b>Maximum Relative Humidity</b>	Up 5-10%
	Castleton Ranch W Elk Wilderness	42-45F 41-45F		Castleton Ranch W Elk Wilderness	90-100% 80-90%

	<b>20-ft Wind</b>	<b>Castleton Ranch - 8,400 ft</b>	<b>W Elk Wilderness - 10,000 ft</b>
		Northwest 3-6 mph.	West-northwest 3-6 mph.

LAL... 2    CHC of Rain ( $\geq 0.01"$ )/Wetting Rain ( $\geq 0.10"$ )... 30% / 5%

Real Time Weather ↓



EXTENDED FORECAST	High Temp (F)	Min RH (%)	20 FT Ridge Wind	Weather
Monday	71-77	34-41	WNW 12 G23	55% Chance of Rain Showers
Tuesday	73-78	38-43	WNW 10 G19	65% Chance of Rain Showers
Wednesday	75-80	40-45	NW 11 G21	50% Chance of T-Storms

### Fire Behavior Forecast # 13

Name of Incident: Lowline

Administrative Unit: CO-GMF

Date & Time Issued: 08/11/2023 2000

Operational Period: Day – August 12-14, 2023

IC Bryan Gaines

Signed:

#### Weather Summary

*\*\*See attached weather forecast for details\*\**

#### Fuels and Topography Summary

Fuels in the fire area are primarily composed of *Timber with Understory* (Mixed Conifers with litter and reprod), *and Grass with Shrubs* (perennial grasses mixed with brush). Heavy fuel concentrations are common in timbered areas and will likely contribute to surface fire transition to vegetation crowns, increased spotting potential, and rolling material on steep slopes. Local fire danger indices have been and continue to trend well above average. Live fuels are primarily grass and sage, and various herbaceous plants in the understory of the aspen stands.

Fire area topography include alpine areas, slopes ranging from steep to rolling, and multiple deep drainages with all aspects represented. Elevations in the immediate fire area range from 7,000 to over 11,000 feet.

*Watch for significant topographic influences and conditions that promote falling snags.*

#### Fire Behavior Summary

**#3 Day Forecast for August 12-14, if conditions change from weather forecast, re-evaluation will be needed**

##### GENERAL:

Moisture from Thursday nights rain over the fire area will start the days in the forecast with elevated fuel moisture which will drop throughout the day on Sat, Sun, and Monday unless additional rain is received.

**Live fuels--particularly sagebrush are at or near the threshold where fires will spread readily through them** under high winds. Grass and sage is carrying fire under higher wind speeds, and is receptive to spot fires. There is some variation on fuel moisture on a micro scale so some areas will burn more intensely than other in these fuels. Good overnight recovery will start the days off with elevated fuel moisture. Fuels will dry as the sun comes out and the inversion breaks. The increased cloud cover will decrease fire behavior. Saturday could bring more rain over the fire area resulting in higher fuel moisture will reduce potential fire behavior substantially.

Expect interior unburned islands to continue to burn, with torching ember lofting has the potential to start spot fires when they land on receptive fuels. Outflow winds from thunderstorms throughout the burning periods will have the potential to spread embers outside the line.

There are hot spots along the western edge of the fire, but they are limited and do not have a lot of potential for substantial spread. These hotspots are located in mixed conifer but adjacent aspen stands continue to resist fire spread through them. In some locations there are small stringers of mixed conifer that may allow the fire to spread around or through the aspen stands with microshifts in the wind that can affect fire spread in those areas.

Along the northern area of the fire and in the conifer, stringers stretching to the east, previously unburned pockets and areas that had spotty fire spread will continue to burn until fuels are consumed.

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<b>4. Operations Personnel</b>						
<b>OPERATIONS CHIEF</b> PATRICK BLAIR		<b>DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR</b> BELA HARRINGTON MERRITT CUTTEN (T)				
<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
E-11 ENG3 LARAMIE COUNTY		08/18	MATTHEW FRY	3	FAIRGROUNDS/0630	FAIRGROUNDS/2130
E-12 ENG3 ALTERGOTT FORESTRY		08/25	JT EVANS	3	FAIRGROUNDS/0630	FAIRGROUNDS/2130
E-84 ENG6 GUNNISON E619		08/22	JIM RAMIREZ	3	FAIRGROUNDS/0630	FAIRGROUNDS/2130
E-17 WTT2 NORTHWEST T41		08/17	JAMES CRAVENER	2	FAIRGROUNDS/0630	FAIRGROUNDS/2130
E-49 WTT2 GUNNISON T26		08/13	TYLER BROWN	3	FAIRGROUNDS/0630	FAIRGROUNDS/2130
E-87 WTT2 INKOM		08/24	BEN SORENSEN	2	FAIRGROUNDS/0630	FAIRGROUNDS/2130
E-48 WTS2 DUST BUSTERS		08/19	GREG HOLT	1	FAIRGROUNDS/0630	FAIRGROUNDS/2130
O-186 HEQB		08/22	ERIC BADER	1	FAIRGROUNDS/0630	FAIRGROUNDS/2130
E-83 GRD1 SUTHERLAND		08/21	RICK SUTHERLAND	2	FAIRGROUNDS/0630	FAIRGROUNDS/2130
E-82 EXC2 D & S UNDERGROUND		08/20	ZACH CHOLAS	2	FAIRGROUNDS/0630	FAIRGROUNDS/2130
E-26 AMB1 DELTA AMBULANCE 23		08/25	STEVE JENNINGS	2	FAIRGROUNDS/0630	FAIRGROUNDS/2130
<b>6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:</b>						
<p><b>TASK:</b> Locate, perform structure assessment, and prep structures within the Division. Patrol and mop up areas that threaten values at risk.</p> <p><b>PURPOSE:</b> Protect values at risk by identifying mitigation needs to protect structures.</p> <p><b>END STATE:</b> Fire does not pose a threat to any critical values within or adjacent to the Division and structures are defensible.</p>						
<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	7	170.9750 N	110.9	168.7000 N	110.9	A
TACTICAL	1	168.0500 N	110.9	168.0500 N	110.9	A
<b>9. Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader)</b>			<b>Approved By (Planning Section Chief)</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
TERI PARVIN			JIM JAMINET		08/10/2023	1035





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<b>4. Operations Personnel</b>							
<b>OPERATIONS CHIEF</b>		PATRICK BLAIR		<b>DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR</b>		UNSTAFFED	
<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	
UNSTAFFED							
<b>6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:</b>							
<p><b>TASK:</b> Provide surveillance through aerial and remote reconnaissance.</p> <p><b>PURPOSE:</b> Minimize impact to structures and values at risk.</p> <p><b>END STATE:</b> The fire cannot threaten any values at risk.</p>							
<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	7	170.9750 N	110.9	168.7000 N	110.9	A	
TACTICAL	4	166.7250 N	110.9	166.7250 N	110.9	A	
<b>9. Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader)</b>			<b>Approved By (Planning Section Chief)</b>			<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
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<b>4. Operations Personnel</b>							
<b>OPERATIONS CHIEF</b>		PATRICK BLAIR		<b>DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR</b>		RYAN ROMERO	
<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-197 WFM1 BLACK HILLS		08/23	LEE DUEKER	10	FAIRGROUNDS/0630	FAIRGROUNDS/2130	
O-111 RES EMS UNLIMITED MEDIC TEAM		08/16	DUSTIN STALCUP	2	FAIRGROUNDS/0630	FAIRGROUNDS/2130	
<b>6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:</b>							
<p><b>TASK:</b> Patrol and secure indirect fireline along the ridge north of Mill Creek as needed.  <b>PURPOSE:</b> Keep fire above the ridge north of Mill Creek.  <b>END STATE:</b> Fireline in the correct location with the right dimensions to contain the fire.</p>							
<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	
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TACTICAL	3	168.6000 N	110.9	168.6000 N	110.9	A	
<b>9. Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader)</b>			<b>Approved By (Planning Section Chief)</b>			<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
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# INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN (ICS 205)

## Controlled Unclassified Information//Basic

<b>1. Incident Name:</b>		<b>2. Date/Time Prepared:</b>		<b>3. Operational Period:</b>	
LOWLINE		Date: 08/12/2023 Time: 1900	Date/Time From: 08/12/2023 0630	SAT	Date/Time To: 08/14/2023 2130 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
	1	TACTICAL	TAC 1	DIV A/Z	168.0500 N	110.9	168.0500 N	110.9	A	
	2	TACTICAL	TAC 2	DIV W	168.2000 N	110.9	168.2000 N	110.9	A	
	3	TACTICAL	TAC 3	DIV Y	168.6000 N	110.9	168.6000 N	110.9	A	
	4	TACTICAL	TAC 4	DIV X	166.7250 N	110.9	166.7250 N	110.9	A	
	5	TACTICAL	TAC 5	UNASSIGNED	166.7750 N	110.9	166.7750 N	110.9	A	
	6	TACTICAL	TAC 6	UNASSIGNED	168.2500 N	110.9	168.2500 N	110.9	A	
	7	COMMAND	COMMAND 7	ALL DIVS	170.9750 N	110.9	168.7000 N	110.9	A	
	8	COMMAND	COMMAND 8	NOT AVAILABLE	170.0125 N	110.9	165.2500 N	110.9	A	
	9	COMMAND	COMMAND 9	NOT AVAILABLE	162.5500 N	110.9	0.0000 N	110.9	A	
	10	AIR TO GROUND	AIR TO GROUND	PRIMARY	169.2000 N		169.2000 N		A	
	11	AIR TO GROUND	AIR TO GROUND	SECONDARY	167.9500 N		167.9500 N		A	
	12	TACTICAL	WX	NOAA	162.4500 N				A	
	13	COMMAND	RAZOR	LOCAL	172.3250 N	123.0	166.42500 N	192.8	A	
	14	TACTICAL	VMED 28	MEDICAL	155.3400 N	0.0	155.3400 N	156.7	A	
	15	COMMAND	SO MATCH	LOCAL	172.3250 N	123.0	166.4250 N	103.5	A	
	16	AIR GUARD	AIRGUARD	EMERGENCY USE ONLY!	168.6250 N		168.6250 N	110.9	A	EMERGENCY USE ONLY!

  

<b>5. Special Instructions:</b>	

  

<b>6. Prepared By</b> (Communications Unit Leader)	Name: MICHAEL HUNTER, COMT	Signature:
<b>ICS 205</b>	<b>IAP Page</b>	Date/Time: 08/12/2023 1900

<b>AIR OPERATIONS SUMMARY 220</b>	Prepared By: Eric Tilden	Prepared: 8/11/2023	Prepared Time: 1900
<b>1. INCIDENT NAME: LOWLINE FIRE</b>	<b>2. OPERATIONAL PERIOD</b> 8/12/23 to 8/14/23	<b>START TIME:</b> 0800	<b>SUNRISE:</b> 06:22
		<b>END TIME:</b> 2000	<b>SUNSET:</b> 20:05

<p><b>3. REMARKS:</b> (Safety Notes, Hazards, etc.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>AVIATION SAFETY IS A TEAM EFFORT</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AIR OPERATIONS INTENT</b></p> <p>ALL MISSIONS WILL BE ANALYZED IN TERMS OF HAZARDS AND RISKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• THE RISK ASSESSMENT IS AN OPEN PROCESS WELCOMING INPUT.</li> <li>• HAZARDS WILL BE MITIGATED, RISK WILL BE REDUCED.</li> <li>• RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS WILL BE DOCUMENTED AND DISPLAYED.</li> </ul> <p><b>IF A MISSION FEELS UNSAFE, IDENTIFY SAFE ALTERNATIVES!</b>  <i>***Visibility and high winds, have been a safety issue.***</i></p>	<p><b>4. READY ALERT AIRCRAFT:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>IA: TBD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Medivac:</b> Air Ambulances &amp; Life Flight Order Through Communications</p> <p style="text-align: center;">See Medical Plan in the IAP</p>
	<p><b>5. TFR:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTAM: 3/3844</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Location:</b> 7 mile radius, 15NM NW of Gunnison, CO near Blue Mesa VOR/DME (HBU)</p>

6. PERSONNEL	NAME	PHONE #	7. FREQUENCIES	AM	FM	8A. FIXED-WING Ordering
UAO	Audrey Huse	541-659-9812	A/A TFR	119.3500		AIRTANKERS/LEAD PLANES/SEATS: ATGS order through Dispatch
HMGB 354E	Eric Tilden	208-562-9580	A/A 1 A/A 2 A/A 3	126.2750 128.0000 133.3250		8B. Aerial Supervision / Personnel / Location
ICT3	Bryan Gaines	661-301-8155	A/G 15	167.5250		AIR ATTACK Platforms: Order through Operations / Dispatch
ICT3-T	Theo Engel	970-596-4336	A/G 7	166.8500		
			A/G 13	167.4250		
Montrose Dispatch	AC Desk	970-249-1010	VMED 28		155.3400 156.7 TX	

**9. HELICOPTERS: (Order through ATGS or Operations)**

FAA N#	TY	MAKE/MODEL	BASE	START	AVAIL	REMARKS	FAA N#	TY	MAKE/MODEL	BASE	START	AVAIL	REMARKS
354E	3	Astar B3	Gunnison	0800	0830	STEP, Recon							



10. TASK/ MISSION/ ASSIGNMENT (Type/ function includes: Air Tactical, Retardant, Recon, Personnel Transport, Bucket Operations, SAR, etc.)				
TYPE/FUNCTION	PRIORITY	NAME OF PERSONNEL OR CARGO (if applicable) or instructions for tactical aircraft	FLY FROM	FLY TO
ATGS		Provide coverage as smoke or weather permits.	FBO	Fire
Initial Attack		Support Initial Attack actions as requested.	TBD	IA
Medevac		<b>** See Medical Plan in IAP – Review during Division Breakouts**</b>	TBD	Fire
Water Drops		As needed and approved by Ops.	Helibase	Fire
PSD/UAS Operations		As approved in the PSD/UAS plan, where and when needed, determined by Ops.	TBD	Fire
Recon		Fire reconnaissance by Ops. Priority	TBD	Fire

Incident Fire Costs:	Other Information:
<p><b>Send Helibase Cumulative Costs &amp; Fixed Wing Costs to:</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:comtc@firenet.gov">comtc@firenet.gov</a> &amp; <a href="mailto:2023.lowline.finance@firenet.gov">2023.lowline.finance@firenet.gov</a></p> <p>(In the email subject indicate whether it's Fixed Wing Costs or Helibase Cumulative Costs)</p>	<p><b>Send Daily Helicopter Costs to:</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:comtc@firenet.gov">comtc@firenet.gov</a> &amp; <a href="mailto:2023.lowline.finance@firenet.gov">2023.lowline.finance@firenet.gov</a></p> <p>(In the email subject indicate Helicopter Costs and put N#)</p>

Flights above ground level	Wind Restrictions	
	Type 1 Helicopters	Flight Permitted in Winds
More than 500' AGL	<50kts / Gusts: N/A	Less than / Maximum Gust Spread
Less than 500' AGL	<40kts / Max Gust Spread: 15kts	Type 2 Helicopters
		<50kts / Gusts: N/A
		Type 3 Helicopters
		<30kts / Max Gust Spread: 15kts
		<50kts / Gusts: N/A
		<30kts / Max Gust Spread: 15kts

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# LOWLINE FIRE SUPPRESSION REPAIR PLAN

## Mop-Up Specifications

- Achieve 100% mop-up along and inside the fire perimeter to a distance that is adequate to ensure the perimeter is secure to prevent the fire from escaping or spotting across existing containment lines.
- Mop-up should be implemented to the degree and in locations necessary to make the likelihood of the fire escaping the containment perimeter highly unlikely through the rest of the fire season. Mop up is not based on a set distance in from the fire perimeter.
- Mop up is based on predictable potential threats to the containment lines based on experience, terrain, fuel types, the current and anticipated future fuel conditions, and consultation with the local unit. The use of infrared mapping should also be considered to identify interior heat.
- Fall snags and hazard trees that pose "imminent" danger along all open roads within the fire perimeter.
- Any spot fires outside the control lines will be 100% mopped up, a route to them will be flagged, and the perimeter of spots mapped in ArcGIS Field Maps.

## Suppression Repair Standards

### Strategic Objectives:

1. Minimize future surface and gully erosion.
2. Minimize sediment delivery to stream channels.
3. Restore conditions to pre-fire drainage patterns .
4. Minimize potential loss of soil productivity in cleared areas.
5. Minimize the introduction or spread of noxious weed infestations.
6. Dispose of hazardous concentrations of suppression activity slash.
7. Repair and rehabilitate known sensitive areas affected by suppression activities to minimize further damage and exposure.
8. Repair and rehabilitate all facilities and improvements affected by suppression activities (fences, troughs, cattle guards, corrals, developed camping areas, trailheads, bridges, guardrails, etc.).
9. Prevent unauthorized motorized use of fire suppression features. Fire lines should be blocked with available materials . When no adjacent materials exist, harvest appropriate sized trees large enough to block access.
10. Identify key strategic firelines, facilitate future ingress/egress of suppression equipment and personnel on these features.
11. Remove and dispose of all incident-related waste.
12. Mitigate potential hazards to life and safety .

### General Standards:

1. Remove signs, flagging, trash and other materials from all staging areas and drop points, dozer lines, etc. Clean all trash thoroughly from Castleton Ranch Base Area, Spike Camp, and ICP.

2. Cut and scatter slash piles within sight of all structures and roads.
3. Repair range improvements (e.g., fences) damaged in the course of suppression activities.

#### Dozer Line:

1. Use a tracked excavator with a thumb or similar equipment to pull berms and redistribute soil and woody debris on all constructed dozer line. A motor grader may be used in areas with low slopes and very moderate terrain.
2. For firelines on slopes greater than 15%, construct waterbars at a 30 to 45 degree angle to the fireline . Waterbar locations should be selected based on their ability to minimize drainage onto downslope burned areas.
3. READs will inspect and approve final rehab of dozer lines.

#### Hand Line:

1. Pull in soil berms.
2. Scatter branches, logs, rock, or other material in the hand line to further retard soil movement. Strive to achieve a minimum of 50-60% ground cover.
3. For firelines on slopes greater than 20%, construct waterbars at a 30 to 45 degree angle to the fireline. Waterbar locations should be selected based on their ability to minimize drainage onto downslope burned areas.

#### Safety Zones, Helispots, and Drop Points:

1. All areas of concentrated fire suppression activities should be repaired to a condition that is as close to pre-fire conditions as reasonably possible.
2. Using a seed mix provided by a READ, seed areas disturbed by suppression activities as needed .

#### Site-Specific Standards:

Where the Lowline or other trails were used as a mixed fire line, work with a READ to return trail to trail management objectives (TMO) and remove hazard trees.

#### Infrastructure Damage:

The IMT should provide a list of known infrastructure damage including but not limited to signs, gates, cattle guards, culverts, etc.

#### **Private Property**

On private land the IMT should utilize this plan to conduct necessary repairs directly related to fire suppression actions. Any repair or rehabilitation beyond direct fire suppression repair will generally be negotiated between the respective County or Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control representative and private landowners; however, READs are available to offer advice.

## **FINANCE PROCEDURES**

Finance Email: [2023.lowline.finance@firenet.gov](mailto:2023.lowline.finance@firenet.gov)

**ALL RESOURCES** – When emailing, **please include your RO# in the subject line** and on all documents. Provide a contact phone number in your email. Include only *ONE* resource's information per email.

At **check-in** submit the following:

- Resource Order
- Manifest/Roster
- Cooperator agreement or contract  
(*w/ correct resource highlighted*)
- AD Casual Hire Form
- Vehicle Inspection Form

**Daily** submit the following:

- CTRs
- Shift Tickets

Finance will be located at the fairgrounds beginning Wednesday morning.

### **Overhead & Crews:**

Use **TIME** in subject line of email  
or QR code below



### **Contractors & Cooperators:**

Use **PROC** in subject line of email  
or QR code below



Send all **Claims** directly to: [2023.lowline.finance@firenet.gov](mailto:2023.lowline.finance@firenet.gov)

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## **DEMOB PROCEDURES**

After being notified by your supervisor of your tentative release date:

Step 1. Return all supplies, radios, etc. that were checked out.

Step 2. All vehicles that have been on the fireline **MUST** go through weed wash prior to completing Demob Inspection.

Step 3. Submit final time documents electronically to Finance per directions in the IAP. Provide a valid email address. Finance will post your time, let you review a draft, and send your final documents to you, all electronically.

Step 4. Complete Demob Checkout Form using QR code at the bottom of this page. Once you submit the form, you are released from the incident and may begin travel home. You do not need to physically come to Demob. Safe Travels!

**INCIDENT DEMOB  
QR CODE**







## Safety Messaging for the Public

- Please practice caution when entering fire-impacted areas. Damaged trees can fall unexpectedly. We have also seen several live trees and apparently healthy-looking trees fall in the burn area due to their root systems getting burned away during the fire. Standing beetle-killed trees damaged further from the fire can be especially hazardous.
- Be careful when walking near severely burned trees or stumps. Fire can burn into the root system and maintain a lot of heat over a long period of time, which causes the ground to be unstable. Stepping into one of these “stump holes” can cause severe burns.
- For property owners near the fire area: hoselays and sprinklers may be found on your property. They will remain in place as a precaution and be removed at a later time. Please do not move or alter in any way.
- With County Road 730 now fully reopened, we have seen a notable increase in traffic. Please drive carefully and be mindful that fire apparatus and personnel are still working in the area.

### For more information:

- GMUG Fire Information Hotline: (970) 874-6602
- InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/cogmf-lowline-fire>
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/GMUGFireInfo](http://www.facebook.com/GMUGFireInfo)

<b>Incident:</b> Lowline Fire	<b>Date:</b> 8/12/23 – 8/14	<b>Operational Period:</b> Day
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## ***SAFETY MESSAGE***



*Fire fighter safety comes first on every fire, every time*

### **Major Hazards and Risks:**

- ▶ **MEDICAL EMERGENCIES & COMMUNICATIONS-** Do you know what to do in case of a medical emergency? Review the Medical Incident Report at the end of your IRPG or the IAP. Know who you will request transport resources from and on what frequency. Your actions may be what save a life.
- ▶ **DRIVING** – Heavy tourist traffic within town and traveling to and from the fire. **DRIVE DEFENSIVELY.** Wildlife is in the area so watch for deer, elk, and cattle. Heavy Machinery associated with cutting and baling hay may be on CR 730.
- ▶ **SNAGS & FIRE WEAKENED TREES** – The strategy of this fire from day one has always been stay out of the snags. Now there are fire weakened trees along with snags throughout the burn area. Look up, look down, and around. Be especially alert if the wind picks up due to outflow winds.
- ▶ **FINE FUELS ARE DRYING OUT** – Poor humidity recovery has been occurring for several days, grass and sage is becoming receptive. Expect this trend to continue.
- ▶ **MISSION CREEP** – If your assignment does not have purpose and meaning or does not support meeting the objectives, you should re-access the assignment.
- ▶ **RISK MANAGEMENT-** This is our primary means of maintaining safe wildfire operations. Consistently evaluate your actions and do not hesitate to adjust as environmental and human factor conditions change. If your assignment does not have purpose and meaning and does not support meeting the objectives, you should re-access the assignment. Review Risk Management Process in your IRPG, page 1. Look for opportunities that provide a high probability of success, while limiting risk and exposure.

**Safety First, Every Incident,  
Every Time  
*Fight Fire Safely!***

*Safety Officers: Brian Ayers*



## MEDICAL PLAN (ICS 206 WF)

1. Incident/Project Name		2. Operational Period							
<b>LOWLINE FIRE</b>		<b>August 12-14, 2023</b>		<b>0630 - 2130</b>					
3. Ambulance Services									
Name	Complete Address	Phone/Frequency	Advanced Life Support (ALS)						
			Yes	No					
<b>Gunnison Valley Health Paramedics</b>	<b>711 N. Taylor Street Gunnison, CO 81230</b>	<b>Captain on Duty 970-787-0470 Dispatch 970-641-8201</b>	X						
<b>Crested Butte Fire Protection District</b>	<b>306 Maroon Avenue Crested Butte, CO 81224</b>	<b>Captain on Duty 970-319-0003 Dispatch 970-641-8201</b>	X						
4. Air Ambulance Services									
Name	Phone/Freq	Type of Aircraft & Capability							
<b>CareFlight of the Rockies</b>	<b>800-332-4923 Dispatch</b>	<b>A-Star, Blood on board, Night Vision 36 min ETA to Fire</b>							
<b>Reach Air Medical</b>	<b>800-338-4045 Dispatch</b>	<b>A-Star, Blood on board, Night Vision 46 min ETA to Fire</b>							
<b>Classic Air Medical</b>	<b>1-800-444-9220 #2 Dispatch</b>	<b>Bell 429, Night Vision 38 min ETA to Fire</b>							
5. Hospitals/Urgent Care									
Name Complete Address	GPS Datum - WGS 84 DD° MM.MMM' N - Lat DD° MM.MMM' W -long		Travel Time		Phone	Helipad		Level of Care Facility	
	Lat:	Long:	GND	AIR		Yes	No		
<b>Gunnison Valley Health</b> 711 N. Taylor Street Gunnison, CO 81230	38° 33.11533' N	-106° 55.46483' W	25 minutes		970-641-7244	X		<b>Level 4</b>	
<b>Gunnison Valley Health Urgent Care</b> 711 N. Taylor Street Gunnison, CO 81230			25 minutes		970-648-7105		X	<b>Urgent Care</b>	
<b>Montrose Regional Hospital</b> 800 S. 3rd St. Montrose, CO 81401	38 288233' N	-107 52.13' W	1 hour and 9 minutes	22 minutes	970-240-7180	X		<b>Level 3</b>	
<b>UC Health Burn Center Anschutz Medical</b> 12505 E. 16th Ave Aurora, CO 80045	39 44.595' N	-104 50.495' W	3 hours and 33 minutes	1 hour	Burn Unit Direct 844-285-4555	X		<b>Level 1 Burn Center</b>	
6. Division   Branch   Group		Area Location Capability							
<b>Division A/Z</b>		EMS Responders & Capability:	AMB 1- ALS capabilities with pain control; EMPF Farnsworth - ALS kit						
		Equipment Available on Scene:	ALS Kit						
		Medical Emergency Channel:	Command 7; Helicopter Medivac VMED28						
		ETA for Ambulance to Scene:	Air: 6 minutes				Ground: 25 minutes		
		Approved Helispot:	Castleton, H10						

## MEDICAL PLAN (ICS 206 WF)

<b>Division W</b>	EMS Responders & Capability	EMPF Meeks	
	Equipment Available on Scene	ALS Kit	
	Medical Emergency Channel	Command 7: Helicopter Medivac VMED28	
	ETA for Ambulance to scene	Air 6 Minutes Ground 25	
	Approved Helispot(s):	H20	

<b>Division X</b>	EMS Responders & Capability:	Unstaffed	
	Equipment Available on Scene:	None	
	Medical Emergency Channel:	Command 7	
	ETA for Ambulance to Scene:		
	Approved Helispot(s):	H14, H19	

<b>Division Y</b>	EMS Responders & Capability:	Crew resources; RAT team (EMPF & EMTF) with UTV, has patient carrying capabilities	
	Equipment Available on Scene:	AMB 2 - ALS capabilities with pain control, ALS kit	
	Medical Emergency Channel:	Command 7; Helicopter Medivac VMED28	
	ETA for Ambulance to Scene:	Air: 6 minutes	Ground: 25 minutes
	Approved Helispot(s):	H11, H12, H13, H14	

<b>Structure</b>	EMS Responders & Capability:	Shared resources with Division A/Z	
	Equipment Available on Scene:	Crew resources and Div A/Z resources	
	Medical Emergency Channel:	Command 7; Helicopter Medivac VMED28	
	ETA for Ambulance to Scene:	Air: 8 minutes	Ground: 25 minutes
	Approved Helispot(s):	H10, Castleton	

<b>Prepared By (Medical Unit Leader)</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Reviewed By (Safety Officer)</b>
<b>Brian Ayers SOFC</b>	<b>08/11/23 2000</b>	<b>Brian Ayers SOFC</b>

# 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>
Transport Request		<i>Air Ambulance / Short Haul/Hoist Ground Ambulance / Other</i>
Patient Location		<i>Descriptive Location &amp; 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. 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.