## Whipping Creek Road Fire

## Incident Action Plan

Sunday, April 24, 2016
Day operations period 0700-1900
Night operations period 1900-0700
NC-NCS-160150


| INCIDENT OBJECTIVES | 1. Incident Name <br> Whipping Creek Road Fire | 2. Date <br> $04 / 23 / 16$ | 3. Time <br> 2000 |
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4. Operational Period: 04/24/2016 D a y 0700-1900, Night 1900-0700
5. General Control Objectives for the Incident (include alternatives)

## Operational Objectives

1. Provide for public and firefighter safety through establishment of LCES, adherence to the 10 standard fire orders / 18 watchout situations and maintaining direct and clear communications with all incident personnel, cooperators, and the general public.
2. Keep fire within containment strategy indicated in the wildland fire decision support systems document.

- South of Jackson Road and Maple Road.
- West of Hwy 264 from Pains Bay North.
- North of $2^{\text {nd }}$ Avenue.
- East of Barge Canal.

3. Ensure suppression and containment strategies on USFWS property follow minimum impact suppression tactics, where effective and available. Examples include minimizing retardant and foam exposure to water; protection of endangered species, and limiting the use of "potato patching".
4. Initiate the opening of US Hwy 264 as conditions permit. Maintain LE presence at designated areas to provide for immediate road closure if needed. Ops will communicate any changes in road closure status to PIO.

## Management Objectives

1. Keep general public, local officials, and stakeholders informed of fire status through situation updates and personal contacts.
2. Provide for accurate cost tracking and documentation through adherence to Incident Business Handbook procedures and NC Forest Service policy.
3. Work with Dare County Emergency Management to develop the evacuation plan for Stumpy Point.
4. Weather Forecast for Period - See attached fire behavior forecast.
5. General Safety Message - See attached safety message.

| $8 . \quad$ Attachments (mark if attached) |  |
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| Х Incident Objectives - ICS 202 | $\boxtimes$ Communications Plan - ICS 205 |
| 凹 Organization List - ICS 203 | Q Medical Plan - ICS 206 |
| D Div. Assignment Lists - ICS 204 | \ Incident Maps |
| \ Safety Message | $\boxtimes$ Fire Behavior Forecast |
| 9. Prepared by (Planning Section Chief) Sean Brogan | 9. Approved by (Incident Commander) Tom Ledbetter(T) |


| ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST |  | 9. Operations Section |  |  |
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| 1. Incident Name |  | Planning Operations | Brian Elam |  |
| Whipping Creek Road Fire |  | Field Operations | Mike Go |  |
| 2. Date | 3. Time |  |  |  |
| April 23, 2016 | 2100 | a. Branch: |  |  |
| 4. Operational Period |  | Branch Director |  |  |
|  | Day 0700-1900 | Division | Delta | Lance Swindell |
| Night 1900-0700 |  | Division | Echo | Andy Hux / Kit Gibbs |
| Position | Name | Division | Foxtrot | Donnie Harris, Buckalew(T) |
| 5. Incident Commander and Staff |  |  |  |  |
| Incident Commanders | Robert Smith, Tom Ledbetter(T), Kevin Harvell(T) | Division <br> Division | Golf | Robbie Perry |
| Safety Officer | Mike Kretzschmar, Jeff Marshburn | Group |  |  |
| Information Officer | Bill Swartley, Eric Muecke(T) | b. Branch: |  |  |
| Liaison Officer | James Kimes(T) | Branch Director |  |  |
| 6. Agency |  | Division |  |  |
| Agency | Name | Division |  |  |
| USFWS | Mike Bryant | c. Branch: |  |  |
| USFWS | Bonnie Strawser | Branch Director |  |  |
| USFWS | Ed Christopher | Division/Group |  |  |
| EM Hyde Co. | Justin Gibbs | Group |  |  |
| EM Dare Co. | Drew Pearson |  |  |  |
| EM Dare Co. | Steven Kovacs | Group | Night | Region 2 Engine Strike Team (Tate) |
| DPS | Brian Parnell | Group |  |  |
| US Air Force | Major Leigh Thornton |  |  |  |
| 7. Planning Section |  |  |  |  |
| Chief | Sean Brogan |  |  |  |
| Resources Unit | Justin Query | Division/Group |  |  |
| Situation Unit | Don Watson | Division/Group |  |  |
| Status Checkin | Brian Yeich | Diviongroup |  |  |
| GISS | David Jones, Michael Sweat(T) |  |  |  |
| Documentation | Rob Roberson | c. Branch: Air Operations |  |  |
| FOBS | Mike Petruncio, Trent Duncan | Helicopter Crew Member |  | Hannah Thompson-Welch |
| Fire Behavior | John Cook |  |  |  |
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| 8. Logistics Section |  |  |  |  |
| Chief | Jim Aldridge |  |  |  |
| Supply Unit | Travis Shidal |  |  |  |
| Ordering Manager | Bobby Myers | 10. Finance Section |  |  |
| Ground Support Unit | Jerol Berry | Chief |  | Beth Plummer(T) |
| Communications Unit | Dick Ruble | Time |  | Gina White |
| Communications Tech | Chuck Credle | Procurement |  | Shelia Head |
| RADO | Jim Lyde | Cost |  | Ron Myers |
| Medical Unit | Keith Owens | Computer Specialist |  | Craig Clarke |
| Food Unit | Chris Hubacker |  |  |  |
| Security Manager | Bill Dowdy | Prepared by (Resource Unit Leader) Justin Query |  |  |
| Equipment Manager | Wallace Spikes |  |  |  |

## FIRE BEHAVIOR FORECAST



GENERAL: The predominant fuel type is open brushy and high pocosin fuels(FM4) with heavy dead standing and downed large fuels due to previous fire damage. Typical heavy southern rough fuels(FM9) are also represented.

Probability of Ignition: 41\%
1 hour fuel moisture: 8\% (-5) Forecasted 10 hour fuel moisture: 10\% (-4)
Forecasted 100 hour fuel moisture: 17\% (+3) Forecasted 1000 hour fuel moisture: 21\% (+2)
Estimated Live Fuel Moistures: Herbaceous: 8 (-5)\% Woody: 70\%
Forecasted Energy Release Component: 24 (same) ( $97^{\text {th }}$ percentile is 33 )

## Expected Fire Behavior:

Southern Rough (FM9): $\quad 3 \mathrm{ft}$ (same) flame length and $5(+3)$ chains ( $1 \mathrm{ch}=66 \mathrm{ft}$ ) per hour rate of spread.
Low Pocosin (SH6): $\quad 8 \mathrm{ft}$ flame length and 20 chains ( $1 \mathrm{ch}=66 \mathrm{ft}$ ) per hour rate of spread.
Tall Grass (FM3) $\quad 11(+3) \mathrm{ft}$ flame length and $77(+33)$ chains per hour rate of spread.
Spotting potential: $1 / 4$ to $1 / 2$ mile
Local Thresholds: (bold are present today) 20 ' wind> 15 mph , RH less than $\mathbf{4 0 \%}$, Temp over 80 deg, $100 \mathrm{HR}<14 \%$

## SPECIFIC:

Fire growth conditions favorable due to drying and windy conditions. Fine fuels are now low enough to allow increased spread.

DIV D: Expect continued smoldering and creeping north of $5^{\text {th }}$ Avenue. Groundfire will continue to smolder.
DIV E: Increased interior burning south of Whipping Creek Road. Maple Road block will also see increase smoldering and creeping fire.
DIV F: Little growth expected into the interior against the winds. Heat in heavy fuels will increase combustion and may become more evident today. Watch for short runs in fine fuels.
DIV G:
DIV H: Continued flanking towards the sound to the east. Watch for the fire to reach the sound and increase spread in the marsh grasses.

## AIR OPERATIONS and SMOKE FORECAST:

Inversion and residual smoke will lift after 1000. Sky should clear after 1100 and support good visibility. Smoke will be light to moderate, drifting towards Englehard community.

## SAFETY

\#3 Base all actions on current and expected fire behavior. Has anything changed from when you had your tailgate briefing and made your plan?







| INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN |  |  |  | 1. Incident Name <br> WHIPPING CREEK ROAD FIRE |  |  | 2. Date Time Prepared 23.04.2016 | 3. Operational Period Date 24.04.2016 |
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| MODE: W=WIDE, N=NARROW |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| System | CH \# | Function | Frequency |  | Tone | Mode | Assignment | Remarks |
| NCFS | INC 1 | TAC | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { RX: } \\ \hline \text { TX: } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 151.4000 \\ \hline 151.4000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 136.5 \\ & \hline 136.5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | N | DIV D |  |
| NCFS | INC 3 | TAC | RX: | 151.3100 151.3100 | 136.5 <br> 136.5 | N | DIV E |  |
| NCFS | INC 7 | TAC | RX: | 159.3900 | 136.5 | N | DIV F |  |
| NCFS | INC 14 | TAC | RX: | (159.2850 | none | N | DIV H |  |
| NCFS | NCFS CALL | TAC | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { RX: } \\ \hline \text { TX: } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 172.2750 \\ \hline 172.2750 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 131.8 | N | DIV G |  |
| NCFS | INC 8 | AIR TO GROUND | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \text { RX: } \\ \text { TX: } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 171.5750 \\ \hline 171.5750 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 131.8 \\ & \hline 131.8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | N | ALL DIVISIONS | NCFS AIR-TO-GROUND |
| NCFS | INC 11 | VHF COMMAND |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 151.1750 \\ \hline 159.3150 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 136.5 \\ & \hline 131.8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | N | OPERATIONS \& COMMUNICATIONS | Linked to VIPER Command |
| VIPER | EVENT BRAVO 2 | VIPER COMMAND |  |  |  |  | OPERATIONS \& COMMUNICATIONS | Linked to VHF Command |
| VIPER | EVENT BRAVO 3 | UTILITY | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \text { RX: } \\ \hline \text { TX: } \end{array}$ |  |  |  | Can be assigned as needed. | As needed |
| NCFS | INC 15 | AIR GUARD | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \text { RX: } \\ \hline \text { TX: } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 168.6250 \\ \hline 168.6250 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { none } \\ \hline 110.9 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | N | AIR GUARD | EMERGENCY CONTACT WITH AIRCRAFT |
|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \text { RX: } \\ \text { TX: } \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 5. Prepared DICK RUBLE | (Communications Un OML) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Note: This is not a standard NWCG ICS205 Form
Helpful hint: When carrying both a VIPER and VHF radio in the area of the fire, monitor VHF Inc 11 and turn VIPER off or to event Bravo 3.
When near ICP, monitor VIPER and turn VHF off.



# HEALTH AND SAFETY MESSAGE 

SAFETY starts with YOU
We are ALL accountable for SAFE behaviors
INCIDENT: Whipping Creek Road Fire

DATE: 4-24-2016 TIME: Day 0700 - 1900, Night 1900 - 0700

## Major Hazards and Risks:

DRIVING - Drive defensively while leaving the ICP due to weekend traffic and morning commutes. Be extra cautious while on Hwy 64 due to road construction at the Virginia Dare Bridge.
Use passenger as a lookout, navigator, and backing guide. Obey posted speed limits. Use headlights and seatbelts. Slow your speed down to 10 MPH while driving in smoke or dusty road conditions and use red lights/strobes for visibility. When meeting oncoming vehicles, slow down when passing. Keep your windows clean.
HYW 264 - With the opening of Hwy 264 defensive driving is a must, if you need to use a cell or talk with someone find a side road to park on.
THUNDERSTORMS - Monitor your radio for updates, use lookouts and apply the 30/30 rule.
ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS - Watch out, stay away from bears in the area. Do not feed the wildlife. Be aware of poisonous plants and insects. Use insect repellent for ticks.
FIRE BEHAVIOR - Maintain situational awareness, follow 10 Standard Orders, recognize / mitigate the 18 Watch Out Situations, and apply LCES. Know the fire weather forecast. Monitor conditions.
COMMUNICATIONS - Make sure your radio is programmed correctly. Check the Divisional Assignments page for your correct operational channel.
LOCAL EVENTS - Outer Banks Bike Week is this week!!! Expect high level of traffic with vehicles, motorcycles and pedestrians.
WINCHING OPERATIONS - Think before you act. Analyze each situation. Avoid entanglement in cable. Pay attention to hand location, maintain a safe distance from cables under tension, and maintain communications between operator and crewman.

## ***Conduct Tailgate Safety Briefings / Briefing Checklist Inside Back Cover of I.R.P.G.

***Lightning safety 30/30 rule: If the time between when you see the flash and hear the thunder is 30 seconds or less, the lightning is close enough to hit you. If you haven't already, seek shelter immediately. Wait inside until 30 minutes have passed since the last flash of lightning.


SAFETY OFFICERS: Mike Kretzschmar - SOF2, Jeffrey Marshburn - SOF2


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1. Supervisors should identify surplus resources to be released and summarize on General Message Form (ICS213). Form must specify name, resource number, last shift date, and release/travel date. This information must be worked through the IMT chain-of-command and ultimately approved by the IC. This form should then be submitted to the DMOB Unit Leader (or RESL in absence of DMOB). The Demobilization Unit must be given at least 24 -hour notification for all resources with their own transportation and 4 days notification for personnel requiring flights. DMOB will share/post upcoming demobilizations that are scheduled.
2. Supervisors must perform evaluations on all NCFS personnel prior to them leaving the incident. Originals should be submitted to the Documentation Unit. A copy of the evaluation form should be given to the employee. Supervisors should plan ahead and ensure they have the needed evaluation forms.
3. All personnel approved to be released from the incident must first see the DMOB Unit Leader, where they will receive a Demobilization Checkout sheet (ICS 221).
4. The Demobilization Checkout Sheet must first be taken to the Logistics Section:
a. The Facilities Unit Leader will sign off after all applicable motel expenses are cleared.
b. The Supply Unit Leader will sign off after all checked-out supplies are returned.
c. The Communications Unit Leader will sign off after all communications equipment is returned.
d. The Ground Support Unit Leader will sign off after equipment inspection is complete. If you have any equipment with problems you must bring this to the GSUL's attention and document prior to leaving the incident. Failure to do so could result in your home unit paying the bill for that repair.
5. The Demobilization Checkout Sheet must then be taken to the Finance Section for completion of Time (CTR) and Equipment (Shift Ticket) reports. Finance will require current odometer reading, estimated mileage to home unit, and estimated time to home unit (related to Shift Tickets). Finance will complete time sheet (FTR) and provide employee a copy. Finance will sign off after all requirements are met. Discrepancies on time records must be resolved through appropriate channels before demobilization is completed.
6. The Demobilization Checkout Sheet must then be taken to the Documentation Unit Leader, who will collect the performance evaluation rating (needed for IQS records), daily unit logs and any other notable documentation.
7. Lastly, the Demobilization Checkout Sheet will be returned to the DMOB Unit Leader. If all requirements are met, they will finalize the form. Personnel/equipment are then approved to be released at the identified time. The DMOB Unit Leader will email a list of personnel/resources demobilizing that day to CO Ops / Regional / District Ops Rooms for home unit notification. Personnel must also notify their home unit upon arrival.

## TRAVEL GUIDANCE \& RESTRICTIONS

TRAVEL LIMITATIONS: All demobilized personnel must arrive at their home a. before 2200 hours and b. so they do not exceed 16.0 hours of worktime that shift. Beginning travel times must take this into account. If personnel are not able to reach their home by this timeframe, resting-overnight (RON) may need to occur. If it is anticipated that RON will be needed, the DMOB Unit Leader will need to send a General Message Form to the Ordering Manager (ORDM) to request 1. a lodging S\# and 2. that the Incident's Buying Team (if functioning) arrange and pay for the accommodations. If an emergency RON is required, personnel should pay for the accommodations and then work with their home unit office manager to process the expense account to the Incident's fire charging code.
All agency personnel will meet their own agency's travel limitations when returning to their home. Out-of-area resources will be required to meet local and regional requirements related to travel.

TRAVEL ROUTES: Federal and State agency personnel returning via their agency's vehicles will plan the most direct, most practical routes to their homes. Crews and/or other resources that must travel long distances to home units should file a route plan with the DMOB Unit Leader and notify their home unit upon arrival.

COMMERCIAL AIR/GROUND TRANSPORTATION: The DMOB Unit Leader will negotiate through the local Dispatch Center and Coordination Center any air transportation and/or ground transportation needs.

## Restaurant Information: Manteo

Per diem: Breakfast - \$8.30, Dinner - \$18.70
Lunch meal count needs to be given to FDUL by 1000 each day for each Section / Unit.
Chris Hubacker FDUL (252) 526-1470
LA Dolce Vita Manteo (at the Elizabethan Inn)
814 N Highway 64
Hours: Breakfast: 0500-0900
Dinner: 1630-2130
Take-out available, please call for a whole Section / Unit at one time
Phone \# 252-473-9919

## Darrell's

521 Highway 64/264
Hours: Mon - Sat 0700-2030
Closed Sundays
Take out available. Please order whole section / unit at one time

## T.L.

114 Highway 64/264
Hours: Mon - Sat: 0530-2100
Sunday: 0530-1400

## Restaurant information: Englehard

## Outta Da Box

32046 US Hwy 264
Hours: Mon - Sat: 0730 TO 1900
(252) 925-1025

Martelle's
33301 US Hwy 264
Hours: Tues - Sat: 0500-2100
Sunday: 0500-1500
(252) 925-1799


In the event of a medical emergency provide the following information to the Communications Unit:

1. Declare the nature of the emergency.
a. Medical injury/illness? If injury/illness is it life threatening?
2. If life threatening, then request that the designated frequency be cleared for emergency traffic.
3. Identify the on-scene Point of Contact (POC) by resource and last name (i.e. POC is TFLD Smith).
4. Identify nature of incident, number injured, patient assessment(s) and location (geographic and GPS coordinates).
5. Identify on-scene medical personnel by position and name (i.e. EMT Jones).
6. Identify preferred method of patient transport.
7. Request any additional resources and/or equipment needed.
8. Document all information received and transmitted on the radio or phone.
9. Identify any changes in the on-scene Point of Contact or medical personnel as they occur.

## COORDINATES FOR MEDIVAC LANDING ZONES

| Airforce helo pad | Engelhard airport | Stumpy Point ball field |
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| $\mathrm{N} 35^{\circ} 40.253$ | $\mathrm{~N} 35^{\circ} 33.610$ | $\mathrm{~N} 35^{\circ} 42.403$ |
| $\mathrm{~W} 75^{\circ} 53.010$ | $\mathrm{~W} 75^{\circ} 57.388$ | $\mathrm{~W} 75^{\circ} 45.936$ |

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    Keith Owens MEDL Jeff Marshburn SAFETY Mike Kretzschmar SAFETY
    Cell \# 919-548-5830
    Cell \# 910-289-8819
    Cell \# 828-413-2588

