

MATTS CREEK FIRE

VA-VAF-230128

P8QR07 0808

Incident Action Plan (IAP)

11/18/23 – 11/19/23

Operation Periods

Day Shift 0700 - 2000

Night Shift 1800 – 0700



Check-in



Maps & IAP

Matts Creek Fire Information

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<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/vavaf-matts-creek-fire>

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES (ICS 202)

1. Incident Name:		2. Operational Period: 0700-0700	
MATTS CREEK		Date/Time From: 11/18/2023 0700 SAT	Date/Time To: 11/19/2023 0700 SUN
3. Objective(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure firefighter and public safety by using strategies and tactics that mitigate known and anticipates hazards while providing for the highest probability of success. Keep fire within the smallest footprint in the James River Face Wilderness area minimizing impact to communities, infrastructure, public, and private lands. Limit acreage burned through direct and indirect suppression tactics. Be aware of the cultural sensitivities of the Blue Ridge Parkway and adjacent wilderness areas. Provide timely and accurate dissemination of information to cooperators, the general public, fire-adjacent residences, and jurisdictional agencies. Foster and maintain relationships with our federal, state, local, and Tribal government fire protection cooperators. Keep these entities informed of management goals, objectives, successes, and challenges on the incident through various update mediums. Manage costs to keep them commensurate with the values at risk. Decisions will be made with the goal of managing firefighting resources at a level to meet protection objectives in the most effective, efficient, and safest means possible while employing minimum impact strategies and tactics to the extent possible. 			
4. Operational Period Command Emphasis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize aircraft where appropriate and can be most effective. Continue to scout primary and secondary contingency lines. Continue to look for opportunities to limit fire footprint utilizing natural and manmade features. Prevent spread of fire to communities and Forest Service lands using Hunter Club Road, Blue Ridge Parkway, Petites Gap Road (Forest Road 35), Trail 313, and Lochar Tract Field as targeted boundaries. Stop, think, discuss, then act and ensure LCES is in place prior to engaging the fires. Ensure that the Matt's Creek fire receives a strategic, risk-based response commensurate with the threats and opportunities and uses the full spectrum of management actions that consider fire and fuel conditions, weather, values at risk, and resources available. 			
General Situational Awareness: LCES; steep and rocky terrain...watch footing and heads up for rolling rocks. Heavy snag density and fire weakened green trees...know your work area. Identify and avoid, or eliminate, hazard trees. Aviation operations...clear areas near bucket work. Use spotters when backing vehicles, and exercise care when navigating mountain roads.			
5. Site Safety Plan Required? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Approved Site Safety Plan(s) Located			
6. Incident Action Plan (the items checked below are included in this Incident Action Plan):			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 202 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 203 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 204 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 205 <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 205A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 206		<input type="checkbox"/> ICS 207 <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 208 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 220 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map/Chart <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather Forecast/Tides/Currents	
		Other Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FIRE BEHAVIOR <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	
7. Prepared by: MORGAN VOSS		Position/Title: PSCC(T)	Signature:
8. Approved by Incident Commander:		Name: PAT PEARSON	Signature: /s/ Pat Pearson
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ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST (ICS 203)

1. Incident Name:		2. Operational Period: 0700-0700	
MATTS CREEK		Date/Time From: 11/18/2023 0700	Date/Time To: 11/19/2023 0700
		SAT	SUN
3. Incident Commander(s) and Command Staff:			
IC/UC	PARRISH, STEVE PEARSON, PAT	COMMUNICATIONS UNIT	RADZIVILL, DAVID
		MEDICAL UNIT	ADLER, FREDERICK R ARNETT, NICHOLAS D
SAFETY OFFICER	COOK, MIKE; HAWKINS, TOMMY BRATCHER, ED	ORDERING MANAGER	HAYDEN, KATHLEEN
7. Operations Section:			
INFORMATION OFFICER	STRAWSER, BONNIE (V); HIBBARD, CATHERINE; MAZZEO, JOE	OPS SECTION CHIEF	STURGILL, SHANE
LIAISON OFFICER	SWANSON, BRYAN; KNIGHTON, JEREMY (T) HINZMAN, ROXANNA (T); WRIGHT, BRAD (T)	PLANNING OPS	FLOYD, TROY PARR, JOE (T)
		FIELD OPS	EDGE, VICKY; JAMIESON, MARK
4. Agency/Organization Representative(s):			
Agency/Organization	Name	DIVISION/GROUP	
USFS	STULL, LAUREN KYLE, KEVIN (T)	A	CORNWELL, KELLY
VIRGINIA DOF	BRAUNSTEIN, JASON	D	ZUARES, DAVID MARTINDALE, JASON (T)
NPS	SALANSKY, GREG	L	FRY, JOHN
		S	PROBERT, DANIEL DON
		STRUCTURE EAST	HATFIELD, ART
		STRUCTURE WEST	ROBERTSON, CRAIG
		NIGHT SHIFT	SCOTT, STEPHEN (T)
5. Planning Section:			
CHIEF	RUSSELL, KELLY; STRUHAR, LIZ (T) VOSS, MORGAN (T); HUFF, MARK (PSC3)	7b. Air Operations Branch:	
SITUATION UNIT	SCHMECKPEPER, ERIC; COLLINS, TONY LANG, NICOLE (T)	DEPUTY AIR OPS BRANCH DIRECTOR	BARKER, NANCY
RESOURCES UNIT	SOBIESKI, SUE; FARRELL, BARRY	AIR SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	FINLEY, JACK
FIRE BEHAVIOR ANALYST	TITUS, GREG	AIR ATTACK SUPERVISOR	LEIGHTY, BOB
GIS SPECIALIST	BARNES, TOMMY M	HELIBASE MANAGER	HAINES, FRANK
CHECK IN	HENSLEY, PAULA (T)	AIR OPS BRANCH DIRECTOR	FISH, JOHN
INCIDENT METEOROLOGIST	CASSELL, CHRISTIAN LEDBETTER, CODY (T)	8. Finance/Administration Section:	
AIR QUALITY RESOURCE ADVISOR	KEY, MARGARET	CHIEF	MORRIS, SANDRA
READ	IRVINE, PETE 304-676-6000	CHIEF	MEREDITH, JAMES WARNER, JOHN
REAF	BERES, PLINIO 540-795-9510	TIME UNIT	WINKLER, KIM - PERSONNEL FARLEY, CATHERINE (V) - EQUIPMENT
DEMOBILIZATION UNIT	THOMAS, DONNA (V)	PROCUREMENT UNIT	MIDDLESWORTH, DENISE
TRAINING SPECIALIST	LEATHERS, MARY (V)	COMPENSATION UNIT	LOWDER, DIANE
		COST UNIT	PEARSON, RACHEL(V)
6. Logistics Section:			
CHIEF	SMITH, JOHNNY WALKER, JOE		
SUPPLY UNIT			
FACILITIES UNIT	SWICKEY, TAMMY		
GROUND SUPPORT UNIT	AARON, JAY		
COMMUNICATIONS UNIT	PATRICK, JERRY W		
9. Prepared By:	Name: SUE SOBIESKI	Position/Title: RESL	Signature:
ICS 203	IAP Page	Date/Time: 11/17/2023 0951	



To: All Incident Personnel

As Incident Commander, I am committed to a policy of “zero tolerance” of inappropriate behavior during incident operations. Any form of harassment, discriminatory practices, or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. Known or reported acts will be dealt with appropriately.

I am particularly concerned about the perception that alcohol has a place in any of the Incident facilities. It is not appropriate to indulge in alcoholic beverages during any fire assignment.

The Southern Area Red Team has a policy of “NO ALCOHOL” from the time of dispatch until the time of physical release from the Incident. Members of the Team voluntarily comply with this policy; all incident personnel will be expected to do so also.

We endorse, support, and expect an attitude of mutual respect for all Incident personnel and the public we serve. We also, endorse the attitude and work ethic that places “Safety First, every time on every Incident.” We expect nothing less.

/s/Steve Parrish

Incident Commander

SA Red Team



INCIDENT Weather Forecast



FORECAST NO: 2
PREDICTION FOR: Day Shift
SHIFT DATE: November 18, 2023
FORECAST ISSUED: November 17, 2023 @1500

NAME OF FIRE: Matts Creek
UNIT: VA-VIC
SIGNED: Cody Ledbetter
Incident Meteorologist Trainee

WEATHER DISCUSSION: A *Fire Weather Watch* is in effect today due to a combination of gusty northwest winds and critically low humidity. Skies rapidly clear and winds increase out of the northwest at 10 to 15 mph, occasionally gusting to 25 mph. Minimum humidities around 15 to 25% this afternoon. High temperatures in the mid to upper 50s.

*****FIRE WEATHER WATCH IN EFFECT DUE TO GUSTY WINDS AND CRITICALLY LOW HUMIDITY*****

WEATHER FORECAST:

WEATHER: Rapid clearing during the morning, sunny late morning into the afternoon

TEMPERATURES: Mid to upper 50s

HUMIDITY: 15 to 25%

20 FT WINDS: Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph, gusts to 25 mph

HAINES INDEX: 4 (moderate)

STABILITY/INVERSION: Shallow surface inversion scours out earlier than normal around 0700 to 0800

OUTLOOK FOR TONIGHT:

Clear skies with humidity increasing to around 60%. Winds west-northwest at 5 to 10 mph. Temperatures will drop into the mid 30s. Wind chills will be in the upper 20s to low 30s.

OUTLOOK FOR SUNDAY:

Relatively poor humidity recovery around 40 to 50 percent in the morning. Sunny skies, winds west at 5 to 10 mph. Humidity drops to 20 to 30 percent. High temperatures in the mid 50s.

EXTRA INFORMATION:

Sunrise: 0659

Sunset: 1705

FIRE BEHAVIOR FORECAST

FORECAST NUMBER: 03	TYPE OF FIRE: Wildland, Type 1
FIRE NAME: Matts Creek	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: Day Shift
DATE ISSUED: 11/17/23 TIME ISSUED: 1600	SHIFT DATE: Saturday, November 18 th 2023
UNIT: George Washington/Thomas Jefferson NF	SIGNED: Greg Titus, FBAN

WEATHER SUMMARY:

See weather forecast in today's IAP

FUELS:

A Fire and Fuels Behavior Advisory was issued for Southern Appalachian Mountains and Piedmont on November 13th.
Use link below.



The surface fuel is mostly hardwood leaf litter that has fallen over the past few weeks. It is a fresh and fluffy fuel bed that is very flammable. Pine stands have the ability to burn with high intensity and even transition into crown fire under the right conditions.

Fuel Conditions from Glenped (441631) RAWS 11/17/23
ERC Y – 26
1000 hr – 17.9

FIRE BEHAVIOR:

Today's morning fire behavior will be moderated by the high overnight relative humidity values and potential overnight rain. However, there is still the potential for very active fire behavior later in the day as fuels quickly dry.

Fire Behavior based on maximum values (steep slope and max winds) for the fuel models shown

Vegetation	Fuel Model	Max Rate of Spread		Flame Length	
		Head	Flank	Head	Flank
Hardwood Timber Litter	9	13 ch/hr	1 ch/hr	4 feet	1 foot
Timber Shrub Understory	TU3	52 ch/hr	4 ch/hr	10 feet	3 feet

Probability of Ignition = 59%

Calculated Spotting from ridgetops is **0.2 miles**.

In **15 minutes** a new spot fire or ignition can reach **5 acres**.

Specific Areas of Concern:

- Snags along control lines. Fire weakened snags will fall and present access issues and potential spots outside control lines.
- Pine stands with low branching and heavy crowns. These areas especially near control lines need attention.
- Underslung fire line on steep slope with the potential for roll out.
- Due to the extended drought conditions heavy fuels (1,000 hr) are extremely dry and will burn completely. These fuels will hold heat until they burn out completely or are thoroughly mopped up.
- Areas of continuing leave drop. This can create the potential for reburn and crossing fire lines. Checking and refreshing lines is essential.

AIR OPERATIONS: Clear skies and breezy. Possible turbulent air.

SAFETY:

Watch Out Situation 11 is emphasized today: Unburned fuel between you and the fire. We have a great deal of this situation, especially Division S. Remain alert for unanticipated runs toward your location.

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4. Operations Personnel						
OPERATIONS CHIEF		STURGILL, SHANE		BRANCH DIRECTOR		
DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR		CORNWALL, KELLY S		SAFETY HAWKINS, TOMMY		
5. Resources Assigned this Period						
Strike Team / Task Force / Resource Designator		LWD	Leader	Number Persons	Drop Off PT./Time	Pick Up PT./Time
CRW1 - BEAR DIVIDE IHC		12/02	ANDERSON, BRIAN	21	/0700	/2000
C-5 CR21 TEXAS CANYON		11/28	ORTIZ, ALEJANDRO	20	/0700	/2000
C-4 CR21 - PACIFIC OASIS WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION NCC 9A		11/28		20	/0700	/2000
O-17 SMOD SALMON RIVER		11/27	LOFDAHL, KELSEY	9	/0700	/2000
O-4 SOF2 MARION, DAVID		11/27		1	/0700	/2000
6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:						
<u>Task</u>						
Improve hand line from James River to Blue Ridge Parkway. Strengthen line with tactical burning, keeping pace with fire's edge. Monitor and assess values along James River.						
<u>Purpose</u>						
To protect private lands, structures, lessen impacts to the Blue Ridge Parkway and hold fire where hand line meets the Blue Ridge Parkway.						
<u>End State</u>						
Private lands and structures protected and fire contained along handline to the Blue Ridge Parkway.						
7. Special Instructions:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize MIST tactics in the James River Face Wilderness. Utilize tactical firing if needed to keep ahead of main fire along control lines where appropriate. 						
8. Division/Group Communication Summary						
Function	Channel	RX Frequency N/W	RX Tone/NAC	TX Frequency N/W	TX Tone/NAC	Mode
COMMAND	ROCKY MTN	171.5250N	\$F7E	164.1375N	\$61F	D
TACTICAL	TAC 1	169.1875N		169.1875N		A
AIR TO GROUND	A/G PRI	169.1500N		169.1500N		A
AIR TO GROUND	A/G SEC	168.4000N		168.4000N		A
9. Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader)		Approved By (Planning Section Chief)		Date	Time	
SUE SOBIESKI		LIZ STRUHAR		11/17/2023	0951	

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DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR		ZUARES, DAVID MARTINDALE, JASON (T)		SAFETY HAWKINS, TOMMY		
5. Resources Assigned this Period						
Strike Team / Task Force / Resource Designator		LWD	Leader	Number Persons	Drop Off PT./Time	Pick Up PT./Time
E-4 ENG6 - EAGLE		11/23	WHEELER, HARRY	3	/0700	/2000
E-14 ENG6 - AURORA		11/23	DANEK, BRAD	4	/0700	/2000
E-5 ENG6 - CHIHUAHUA					/0700	/2000
WWT2			LEWIS, AARON	1	/0700	/2000
O-4 SOF2 MARION, DAVID		11/27		1	/0700	/2000
6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:						
Task						
Assess Blue Ridge Parkway for snags and identify falling needs to provide safe travel along Blue Ridge Parkway. Patrol fire line and mop-up 100' interior. Grid green side of Blue Ridge Parkway for spots.						
Purpose						
To protect private lands, structures, lessen impacts to the Blue Ridge Parkway and hold fire where hand line meets the Blue Ridge Parkway.						
End State						
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TACTICAL	TAC 3	168.7250N		168.7250N		A
AIR TO GROUND	A/G PRI	169.1500N		169.1500N		A
AIR TO GROUND	A/G SEC	168.4000N		168.4000N		A
9. Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader)		Approved By (Planning Section Chief)		Date	Time	
JASON KAMMANN		LIZ STRUHAR		11/18/2023	2000	

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OPERATIONS CHIEF		STURGILL, SHANE		BRANCH DIRECTOR		
DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR		FRY, JOHN		SAFETY HAWKINS, TOMMY		
5. Resources Assigned this Period						
Strike Team / Task Force / Resource Designator		LWD	Leader	Number Persons	Drop Off PT./Time	Pick Up PT./Time
E-3 ENG6 - WILLIAMS WILDLAND FIRE SERVICE		12/02	WOOD, DAN	3	/0700	/2000
E-19 ENG6 - TIMBERLINE		11/26	ANTONIO, JEROME	3	/0700	/2000
E-17 ENG6 - WOLFROCK		11/23	ACCARDI, JOHN	3	/0700	/2000
O-74 SMOD - MIDDLEFORK			KING, KENNY	9	/0700	/2000
SMOD AUGUSTA IHD (DAY BY DAY)		11/27	KEVIN BENADICT	9	/0700	/2000
ENOF RED LINE MEDIC			J T DIMAURO	1	/0700	/2000
6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:						
Task Patrol, monitor, prepare and hold fire to the east of Petites Gap Road.						
Purpose To stop fire progression from expanding into Thunder Ridge Wilderness and progressing to the West.						
End State Fire is held and controlled East of Petites Gap Road.						
7. Special Instructions:						
Utilize MIST tactics in the James River Face Wilderness. Utilize tactical firing if needed to keep ahead of main fire along control lines where appropriate.						
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TACTICAL	TAC 2	169.1250N		169.1250N		A
AIR TO GROUND	A/G PRI	169.1500N		169.1500N		A
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OPERATIONS CHIEF		STURGILL, SHANE		BRANCH DIRECTOR		
DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR		PROBERT, DANIEL DON		SAFETY HAWKINS, TOMMY		
5. Resources Assigned this Period						
Strike Team / Task Force / Resource Designator		LWD	Leader	Number Persons	Drop Off PT./Time	Pick Up PT./Time
UNSTAFFED						
6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:						
Task Improving control lines on the Northwest side of the fire utilizing horse trail/road to the James River.						
Purpose To establish control lines on the North side of the fire and protect private lands and values at risk.						
End State Lines established and fire controlled.						
7. Special Instructions:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize MIST tactics in the James River Face Wilderness. Utilize tactical firing if needed to keep ahead of main fire along control lines where appropriate. 						
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4. Operations Personnel							
OPERATIONS CHIEF		STURGILL, SHANE		BRANCH DIRECTOR			
DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR				SAFETY		HAWKINS, TOMMY	
5. Resources Assigned this Period							
Strike Team / Task Force / Resource Designator		LWD	Leader		Number Persons	Drop Off PT./Time	Pick Up PT./Time
STPS		12/01	HATFIELD, ART		1	/0700	/2000
ENG6 - ATLANTIC WILDFIRE RESOURCES LLC - 534020		12/01			3		
6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:							
Task Establish structure protections and plans for affected communities and structures.							
Purpose Provide structure protection as needed as the Matts Creek Fire impacts values at risk.							
End State All values at risk protected.							
7. Special Instructions:							
Assess any areas for potential hazards. Foster positive relationships with local communities and fire departments.							
8. Division/Group Communication Summary							
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4. Operations Personnel						
OPERATIONS CHIEF		SHANE STURGILL		BRANCH DIRECTOR		
DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR				SAFETY		TOMMY HAWKINS
5. Resources Assigned this Period						
Strike Team / Task Force / Resource Designator		LWD	Leader	Number Persons	Drop Off PT./Time	Pick Up PT./Time
STPS		12/01	CRAIG ROBERTSON	1	/0700	/2000
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TACTICAL	R8 FIRE	166.5625N		166.5625N		A
AIR TO GROUND	A/G PRI	169.1500N		169.1500N		A
AIR TO GROUND	A/G SEC	168.4000N		168.4000N		A
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SUE SOBIESKI, RESL			LIZ STRUHAR		11/17/2023	2000

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OPERATIONS CHIEF		SHANE STURGILL		BRANCH DIRECTOR		
DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR		STEPHEN SCOTT (T)				
5. Resources Assigned this Period						
Strike Team / Task Force / Resource Designator		LWD	Leader	Number Persons	Drop Off PT./Time	Pick Up PT./Time
E-15 ENG6 - CO 2280		11/29	GROGAN, BRIAN	4	/1800	/0700
ENG6 - TEXAS 641			FOSTER, STEVE	3	/1800	/0700
E-2 ENG6 - PATRICK		11/30	JOHNSON, QUINTON	4	/1800	/0700
E-16 ENG6 - PARACORP		12/01		4	/1800	/0700
O-6 EMPF		11/01	BRUCKNER, NICK	1	/1800	/0700
O-7 EMPF		12/01	GARCIA, MARCOS	1	/1800	/0700
6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:						
Task Patrol and hold fire along control lines utilizing engine crew resources to tactically fire as needed to ensure fire stays within control lines for the Blue Ridge Parkway.						
Purpose To ensure fire does not slop-over established control lines and protecting values at risk.						
End State Fire is kept within control lines and values at risk protected.						
7. Special Instructions:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize MIST tactics in the James River Face Wilderness. Utilize tactical firing if needed to keep ahead of main fire along control lines where appropriate. Reduce speed to mitigate darkness and smoke. Minimize foot travel near roads and wear high visibility vests. Accountability is critical throughout the night.						
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AIR TO GROUND	A/G SEC	168.4000N		168.4000N		A
9. Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader)			Approved By (Planning Section Chief)		Date	Time
SUE SOBIESKI			LIZ STRUHAR		11/17/2023	0954

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ICS 205

INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN		Incident Name MATTS CREEK FIRE			Date/Time Prepared: November 17, 2023 1500 HRS		Operational Period Date/Time From: 11/18/23 0700 HRS To: 11/19/23 0700 HRS					
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	GP DIRECT		171.5250N		\$F7E	171.5250N		\$68F	D		
2	COMMAND	ROCKY MTN	ALL DIVISIONS	171.5250N		\$F7E	164.1375N		\$61F	D	Rocky Mountain Repeater (FS)	
3	LOCAL	APPLE ORCH		171.5250N		\$F7E	164.1375N		\$68F	D	Apple Orchard Repeater (FS)	
4	LOCAL	NAT BRIDGE		171.5250N		\$F7E	164.1375N		\$40B	D	Natural Bridge Repeater (FS)	
5	LOCAL	ELLIOTT		169.9500N		\$F7E	166.2000N		\$526	D	Elliot Knob Repeater (FS)	
6												
7	TAC	NPS-1 SHEN		167.1500N		127.3	167.1500N		127.3	A	Sherandoah NP (NPS)	
8	TAC	PORT RPTR		171.5250N		\$F7E	164.1375N		\$5EA	D		
9	TAC	SE COMPACT		159.2850N			159.2850N			A		
10	TAC	R8 FIRE	STRUCTURE WEST	166.5625N			166.5625N			A		
11	TAC	TAC 1	DIV A, DIV L	169.1875N			169.1875N			A		
12	TAC	TAC 2	STRUCTURE EAST NIGHT	169.1250N			169.1250N			A		
13	TAC	TAC 3	DIV D, DIV S	168.7250N			168.7250N			A		
14	AIR TO GROUND	A/G PRI	ALL DIVISIONS	169.1500N			169.1500N			A	Matts Creek Fire Air to Ground Primary	
15	AIR TO GROUND	A/G SEC	ALL DIVISIONS	168.4000N			168.4000N			A	Matts Creek Fire Air to Ground Secondary	
16	AIR GUARD	AIRGUARD	ALL	168.6250N		110.9	168.6250N		110.9	A	Emergency Use Only	
5. Prepared by (Communications Unit) Jerry W Patrick, COML		Incident Location: MATTS CREEK FIRE County/State: ROCKBRIDGE/VA										

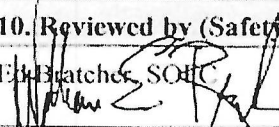
*** Special Instructions for State Radios ***

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

MEDICAL PLAN (ICS 206 WF)

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1. Incident/Project Name				2. Operational Period				
Matts Creek				11/18/23 0700 - 11/19/23 0700				
2. Medical Aid Stations								
3. Ambulance Services								
Matts Creek Communications 252-723-3394								
Name		Location		Phone		Advanced Life Support		
						Yes No		
Medic 10		Division A/D		713-572-5196		X		
Big Island Rescue Squad		10961 Lee Jackson Hwy, Big Island		911		sometimes		
Glasgow Rescue		710 McCullough St, Glasgow VA 24555		911		sometimes		
4. Air Ambulance Services								
Name		Location, Capabilities				Advanced Life Support (ALS)		
						Yes No		
VA State Police 911 / 804-743-2230		Hoist, Short Haul. Will transport to hospital.				X		
Carilion Life Guard II 911 / 888-377-7628		1 Health Cir, Lexington, VA 24450 (15 minutes)				X		
5. Hospitals								
Name/Address	GPS Datum - WGS 84 Coordinate Standard		Travel Time		Phone	Helipad		Level of Care Facility
			Air	Grd		Yes	No	
Carilion Rockbridge 1 Health Cir, Lexington, VA 24450	Lat:	37° 46.761'	5 min	20 min	540-458-3300	X		Basic ER
	Long:	-79° 26.470'						
Carilion Roanoke Memorial 1906 Belleview Ave Roanoke, VA 24014	Lat:	37° 15.065'	29 min	50 min	540-206-4301	X		L1 Trauma, STEMI, Stroke
	Long:	-79° 56.570'						
Centra Lynchburg General 1901 Tate Spring Rd Lynchburg VA 24501	Lat:	37° 25.045'	5 min	25 min	434-200-7387	X		L2 Trauma, STEMI, Stroke
	Long:	-79° 10.239'						
VCU Evans-Hayes Burn Center 1213 E. Clay St Richmond, VA 23298	Lat:	37° 32.384'	45 min	135 min	804-828-3060	X		L1 Trauma, Burn, STEMI, Stroke
	Long:	-77° 25.764'						
6. Clinics								

8. Prepared By (Medical Unit Leader)		9. Date/Time	10. Reviewed by (Safety Officer)
Fred Adler, MEDI. 479-238-6064 Nick Arnett, MEDI. 408-888-1900		11/17/2023	E. Bratches, SOIC 

IWI IC Responsibilities – Division Group Supervisor or Point of Contact

- Take charge of the scene – inform the Division Supervisor and Matts Creek Communications that you are the IWI IC and establish radio communications (frequencies, channels, or phone (252-723-3394). Identify the emergency name – Division A medical, etc.
- Assign or begin patient assessment (Medical Incident Report - MIR) and first aid. Request additional medical resources on division/branch or across incident. Transmit MIR patient information to Communications.
- Determine patient transportation through consultation with line medical personnel and Medical Unit Leader. Consider transportation time, risk to personnel, destination facility and available operational resources. If air transport is chosen, implement the plan for alternative transportation in the event aircraft cannot complete the mission. Order transportation resources through Communications as early as possible.
- Notify Communications as resources arrive and any patient status changes. Names of injured or deceased individuals will not be transmitted on the radio.
- Initiate documentation for future investigation; if a line safety officer is available, assign them to lead documentation. Do not move deceased individuals, gear or personal effects except to accomplish rescue work or protect the safety of others. Obtain written documentation of witnesses. Unit Log, ICS 214, may be used for initial documentation, but a narrative will be required.

7. Division Branch Group	Area Location Capability	
Div A	EMS Responders & Capability:	None assigned
Div D	EMS Responders & Capability:	ALS Ambulance Medic 10 (E-13) Omar Dominquez 713-572-5196 REMS Roanoke County (O-40): Mike Roth 540-493-6373
Div L	EMS Responders & Capability:	EMTF J.T. Dimauro (O-10) 910-217-2195
ICP	EMS Responders & Capability:	MEDL/EMT Nick Arnett (O-21.50) 408-888-1900 MEDL/EMT Fred Adler (O-21.49) 479-238-6064
Night	EMS Responders & Capability:	EMPF Nick Bruckner (O-6) 805-443-6786 EMPF Marcos Garcia (O-7) 925-321-5013

- As appropriate, conduct an After-Action Review to determine successes, areas to improve and lessons learned.



HEALTH AND SAFETY MESSAGE

*“We don’t plan on luck to be safe, we plan on sound risk management and good decisions.”
~ The Red Team*

INCIDENT: Matts Creek Wildfire

DATE: Saturday, November 18, 2023

Major Hazards & Risks: Accountability, Driving, Ticks

ACCOUNTABILITY - Accountability is knowing the location of everyone in your crew. It seems easy at the start of the day, but can quickly escape from you when new personnel arrive, fire becomes active or you loan a resource to another division. Accountability seems most elusive when you need it the most – during active fire behavior, spot fires or a medical emergency.

Anticipate those times or activities that may demand accountability and ensure you know resource locations before the “witching hour”.

DRIVING - Saturday means no school buses, but it also brings weekend drivers, many who do not live in the area or know the roads. They might be looking for fall colors, deer or wildfires. Many are distracted or recuperating from Friday night activities. *The best thing you can do is slow down and anticipate what might be around the next curve – bicycles, hikers, cars in your lane or deer running from hunters.*

TICKS - Ticks are very common in this area. Locally, ticks have been a source of Lyme’s Disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Tick Fever. Both of these are serious illnesses that can require significant antibiotics if not treated immediately. Use repellent such as deet or permethrin. Deet can be applied to your skin. Permethrin is for clothes and boots, not skin. *Inspect yourself daily and use tweezers to remove ticks, including heads. Monitor tick bites for rashes or rings (often associated with Lyme’s Disease).*

AIR OPERATIONS SUMMARY 220		Prepared By: John Fish		Prepared: 11/17/2023		Prepared Time: 1530 hrs.	
INCIDENT NAME: Matts Creek Fire		OPERATIONAL PERIOD 11/18/2023		START TIME 0900	END TIME 1700	SUNRISE 0658	SUNSET 1704

REMARKS	MEDICAL RESPONSE AIRCRAFT	TFR
- All aircraft orders thru Air Attack if on scene, otherwise thru VICC (Charlottesville) - Retardant use restricted in Wilderness Area - Flight following on Apple Orchard Repeater (FS)	* Follow Medical Plan ICS-206 *	Matts Creek 3/2662 7,000 feet MSL Freq: 134.525

PERSONNEL	NAME	PHONE #	FREQUENCIES	AM	FM	FIXED-WING Avail/ Type/ Make-Model/ N#/ Base
AOBD	John Fish	850-843-0977	A/G PRI		169.1500	ATGS Platforms: N16KW – Matts Creek Air Attack
Deputy AOBD	Nancy Barker	253-312-4301	A/G SEC		168.4000	F/W Bases:
ASGS	Jack Finley	404-909-0248	Air-Air PRI	134.525		R/W Bases: New London Helibase (@W90)
ATGS	Bob Leighty	970-250-0353	Air-Air Rotor	121.825		Air Tankers Ordered through VICC from Chattanooga ATB
HEBM	Frank Haines	605-517-0832	Deck		163.100	
UAS Module (UR31)	Mike Impagliazzo	303-478-9207				

HELICOPTERS

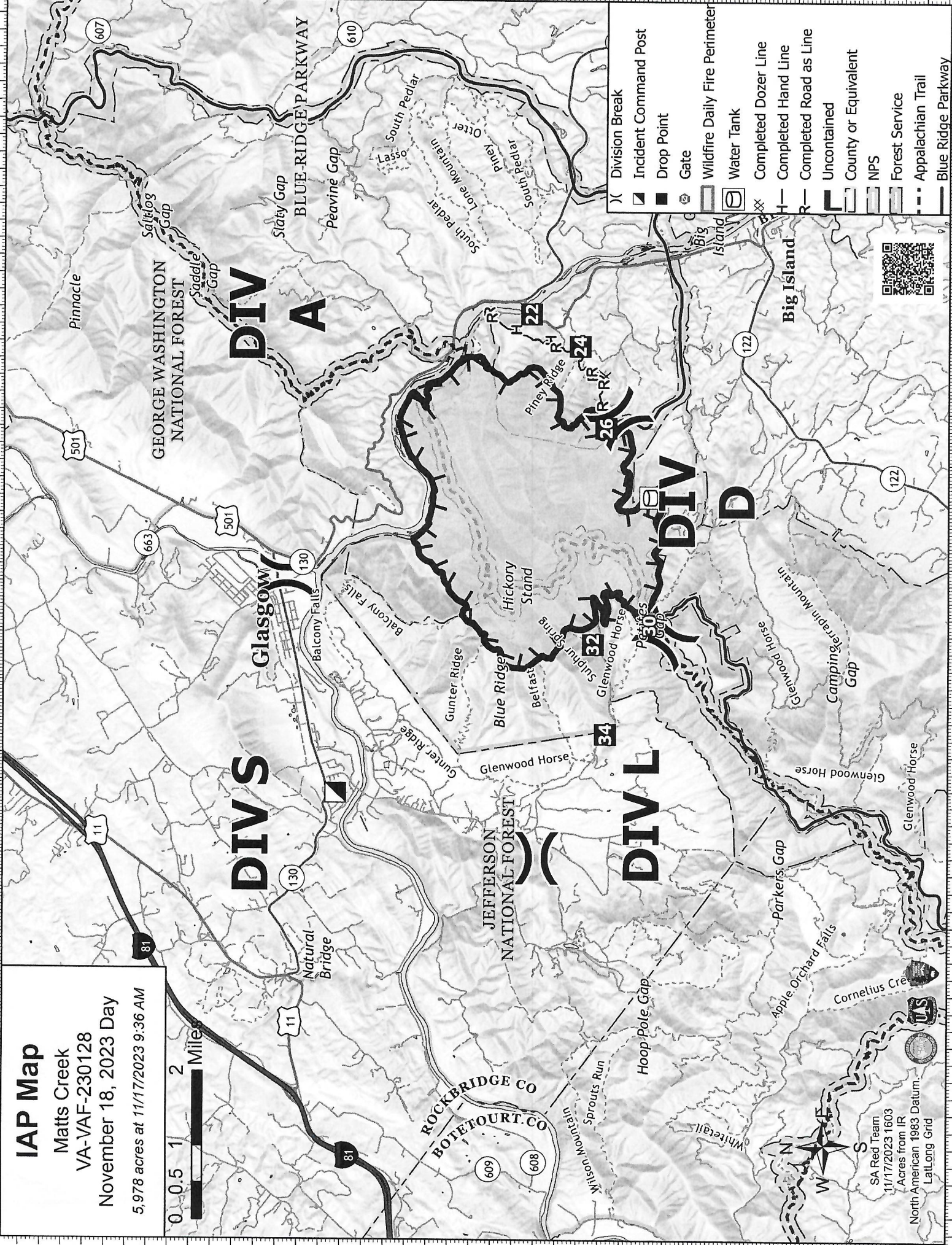
FAA N#	TY	MAKE/ MODEL	BASE	START/AVAIL	REMARKS	FAA N#	TY	MAKE/ MODEL	BASE	START	AVAIL	REMARKS
N561AJ	1	CH-47D	New London	0800 0900	Tanked							
N803PJ	1	UH-60	New London	0800 0900	Bucket							
N767NA	1	KMAX	New London	0800 0900	Bucket							
N46HX	3	B-407	Lynchburg	0800 0900	Bucket/Recon/PSD							

IAP Map

Matts Creek
VA-VAF-230128

November 18, 2023 Day

5,978 acres at 11/17/2023 9:36 AM



- () Division Break
- ▣ Incident Command Post
- Drop Point
- ⊙ Gate
- ▭ Wildfire Daily Fire Perimeter
- ⊞ Water Tank
- ⊞ Completed Dozer Line
- ⊞ Completed Hand Line
- ⊞ Completed Road as Line
- ▭ Uncontained
- ▭ County or Equivalent
- ▭ NPS
- ▭ Forest Service
- ⊞ Appalachian Trail
- ▭ Blue Ridge Parkway



SA Red Team
11/17/2023 1603
Acres from IR
North American 1983 Datum
LatLong Grid

RESOURCE ADVISOR MESSAGE - MATTS CREEK FIRE

The Matts Creek Fire is burning in and near several areas of special value on the Glenwood-Pedlar Ranger District of the George Washington & Jefferson National Forests. These include the James River Face Wilderness, the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (A.T.), a Potential Wilderness Area, and the nearby Blue Ridge Parkway (NPS).

Utilizing Minimum Impact Suppression and Tactics (MIST, see IRPG pages 96-97) in all phases of fire operations is the best way to protect these special areas from the effects of the fire and fire suppression actions.

The Forest Supervisor has authorized the use of several types of motorized equipment and aircraft on the Matts Creek Fire which are normally prohibited in Wilderness. These include chain saws, leaf blowers, portable pumps, and both fixed-wing and rotary-wing (helicopters and UAS/drones) aircraft. Fire retardant use is not currently authorized due to numerous and extensive Aerial Fire Retardant Avoidance Areas in and around the fire area.

No other types of motor vehicles or motorized equipment are currently authorized in either the Wilderness or the Potential Wilderness Area.

On NPS Blue Ridge Parkway lands, no loading/unloading of bulldozers on pavement and no dozerline construction is allowed on NPS lands. Trimming dozers across NPS lands with blades/plows up is allowed.

Resource Advisors: Pete Irvine c: 304-676-6000, or radio.

Plinio Beres c: 540-795-9510. or radio.

TRAINING MESSAGE

Trainees assigned to the fire should check-in with the Training Specialist and complete the TNSP-1 form.

Save the form under your last name in a new folder.

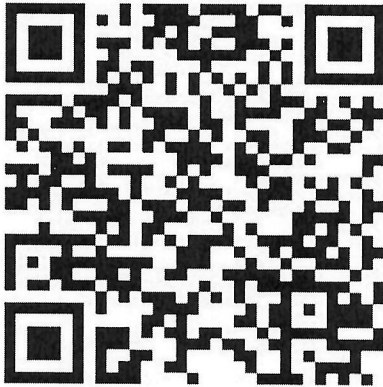
You can take a photo of the form and text to Training Specialist if this process is not working for you. Training Specialist contact information cellphone 254-855-4010, email: Mary_Leathers@firenet.gov

In addition, please take a photo of the coverage of your taskbook and send in to Training Specialist either by text or email.

It is the responsibility of the Trainee to review their taskbook with the assigned Coach/Evaluator to discuss opportunities to perform needed tasks.

If the Trainees or Coach/Evaluator have any questions or concerns, please contact the Training Specialist as soon as possible by email, text or phone call. The contact number is 254-855-4010. Email address is Mary_Leather@firenet.gov.

QR for TNSP-1



Finance

Please send all finance paperwork (CTRs, Shift tickets, Agreements, Resource Orders, Casual Hire Forms, etc.) to the QR code or Email address listed below.



2023.matts creek.finance@firenet.gov

MATTS CREEK

VA-VAF-230128

DEMOBILIZATION CHECK-OUT PROCESS

This incident is using a virtual checkout process for demobilization. **Please do not leave the incident until the follow steps have been completed!**

1. **48 hours prior** to demobilization date, please ensure that:
Your incident supervisor has submitted a DemobRequest Form.

- in coordination with the Demob unit.
- If you need a flight arranged for you, please submit a Flight Request Form.



Demob Request Form

2. **On your demob date**, please check out with the following units.

- Supply Unit – Return gear and supplies.
- Ground Support/Weed Wash – Return pool NERV rentals, receive inspections, etc.
- Communications Unit – Return Radios and other communications equipment.
- Time/Finance – Ensure that all CTRs and/or shift tickets have been submitted and **you have received your final, signed OF-288 Time Report or OF-286 invoice.**



Flight Request Form

3. **Once you have completed the above steps**, please fill out the Demob Check Form and contact the Demob Unit Leader to confirm your release from the incident. **PLEASE DO NOT FILL OUT THE DEMOB RELEASE FORM UNTIL ALL PRIOR STEPS BEEN COMPLETED!**

Demob Unit Leader: (936) 488-1231, 2023.mattscreek.demob@firenet.gov



Demob Checkout Form

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 COMMUNICATIONS

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

- 1. CONTACT COMMUNICATIONS / DISPATCH** (Verify correct frequency prior to starting report)
Ex: "Matts Creek Communications, Div. Alpha. Stand-by for Emergency Traffic."
- 2. INCIDENT STATUS:** Provide incident summary (including number of patients) and command structure.
*Ex: "Tiger Island 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 Incident, IC is TFLD Jones. EMT Smith is providing medical care."*

Severity of Emergency AND Transport Priority (priority 1, 2, 3)	<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 & 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>
Crew 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: (IRPG PAGE 106)	Age:	Weight:	Chief Complaint:
Skin Signs: (color/moisture/temp)	Level of Consciousness:	BP:	HR: Respirations:
Treatment:			

4. TRANSPORT PLAN:

Evacuation Location (drop point, intersection, helispot, Lat. / Long, hazards)	Patient's ETA to Location:
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5. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES / EQUIPMENT NEEDS:

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

*** Follow up with MEDL upon return to ICP ***

