

# MATTS CREEK FIRE

VA-VAF-230128

USFS - P8QR0724/0808

FWS - FFF2500000QR070

NPS - PFFSQR07C24001

## Incident Action Plan (IAP)

11/20/2023 – 11/21/2023

### Operational Periods

Day Shift	0700 - 2000
Night Shift	1800 – 0700



**Incident Linktree**



### **Matts Creek Fire Information**

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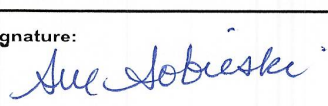
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## INCIDENT OBJECTIVES (ICS 202)

<b>1. Incident Name:</b>	<b>2. Operational Period: 0700-0700</b>	
MATTS CREEK	Date/Time From: 11/20/2023 0700      MON	Date/Time To: 11/20/2023 2000      MON
<b>3. Objective(s):</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure firefighter and public safety by using strategies and tactics that mitigate known and anticipated hazards while providing for the highest probability of success.</li> <li>• Keep fire within the smallest footprint in the James River Face Wilderness area minimizing impact to communities, infrastructure, public, and private lands.</li> <li>• Limit acreage burned through direct and indirect suppression tactics</li> <li>• Be aware of the cultural sensitivities of the Blue Ridge Parkway and adjacent wilderness areas.</li> <li>• Provide timely and accurate dissemination of information to cooperators, the general public, fire-adjacent residences, and jurisdictional agencies.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>		
<b>4. Operational Period Command Emphasis:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilize aircraft where appropriate and can be most effective.</li> <li>• Continue to scout primary and secondary contingency lines.</li> <li>• Continue to look for opportunities to limit fire footprint utilizing natural and manmade features.</li> <li>• Prevent spread of fire to communities and National Forest lands using Hunt Club Road, Blue Ridge Parkway, Petites Gap Road (Forest Road 35), Trail 3004, and Locher Tract Field as targeted boundaries.</li> <li>• Stop, think, discuss, then act and ensure LCES is in place prior to engaging the fires.</li> <li>• Ensure that the Matts 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.</li> </ul>		
<b>General Situational Awareness:</b>		
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.		
<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 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	<b>Other Attachments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FIRE BEHAVIOR <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____
<b>7. Prepared by:</b> MORGAN VOSS	<b>Position/Title:</b> PSCC(T)	<b>Signature:</b> /s/ Pat Pearson
<b>8. Approved by Incident Commander:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>
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## ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST (ICS 203)

<b>1. Incident Name:</b>		<b>2. Operational Period:</b> 0700-0700	
MATTS CREEK		Date/Time From: 11/20/2023 0700	Date/Time To: 11/20/2023 2000
		MON	MON
<b>3. Incident Commander(s) and Command Staff:</b>		<b>CHIEF</b> WALKER, JOE ; WEHERLEY, STEVE	
IC/UC	PARRISH, STEVE; PEARSON, PAT	SUPPLY UNIT	BLONDEAU, LINDA MARIE
SAFETY OFFICER	COOK, MIKE; HAWKINS, TOMMY BRATCHER, ED; LIDELL, BRAD	FACILITIES UNIT	SWICKEY, TAMMY ; BOWMAN, RICH MCCORCKLE, CHRIS (T)
INFORMATION OFFICER	HIBBARD, CATHERINE; O'CONNOR, ERIN (V); MAZZEO, JOE; NICHOLS, JOHN	GROUND SUPPORT UNIT	EMRICK, BRAD ; BLATNEY, BRIAN MARAH, BRYN
LIAISON OFFICER	SWANSON, BRYAN; KNIGHTON, JEREMY (T) HINZMAN, ROXANNA (T); WRIGHT, BRAD (T)	COMMUNICATIONS UNIT	PATRICK, JERRY W RADZIVILL, DAVID
		FOOD UNIT	LOWE, JIM ; MALONE, DAVID
		MEDICAL UNIT	ADLER, FREDERICK R ARNETT, NICHOLAS D
<b>4. Agency/Organization Representative(s):</b>		ORDERING MANAGER	HAYDEN, KATHLEEN ; RODGERS, CYNTHIA JORDAN, SCOTT (T)
<b>Agency/Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>		
USFS	STULL, LAUREN; KYLE, KEVIN (T)	RCDM	CLEVENGER, JAKE
VIRGINIA DOF	BRAUNSTEIN, JASON	<b>7. Operations Section:</b>	
NPS	SALANSKY, GREG; GARDNER, JEFF	OPS SECTION CHIEF	STURGILL, SHANE
<b>5. Planning Section:</b>		PLANNING OPS	FLOYD, TROY; WALKER, DAVE PARR, JOE (T)
CHIEF	RUSSELL, KELLY; STRUHAR, LIZ (T) VOSS, MORGAN (T); HUFF, MARK (PSC3)	FIELD OPS	EDGE, VICKY; JAMIESON, MARK
SITUATION UNIT	SCHMECKPEPER, ERIC; COLLINS, TONY LANG, NICOLE (T)	DIVISION/GROUP	A                      CORNWELL, KELLY
RESOURCES UNIT	FARRELL, BARRY; SOBIESKI, SUE; KAMMANN, JASON	DIVISION/GROUP	D                      ZUARES, DAVID MARTINDALE, J. (T)
DEMOBILIZATION UNIT	THOMAS, DONNA (V)	DIVISION/GROUP	L                      FRY, JOHN
FIRE BEHAVIOR ANALYST	TITUS, GREG	DIVISION/GROUP	S                      PROBERT, DANIEL DON
GIS SPECIALIST	MALLONEE, HESTER; BARNES TOMMY (V); DAVILA, ANTHONY; POOLE, ANNE (V) MITCHELL, EMILY (V) WISEMAN, CAMILLE (T)	DIVISION/GROUP	STRUCTURE EAST      HATFIELD, ART
CHECK IN	WHARTON, CINDY HENSLEY, PAULA (T)	DIVISION/GROUP	STRUCTURE WEST      ROBERTSON, CRAIG
INCIDENT METEOROLOGIST	CASSELL, CHRISTIAN LEDBETTER, CODY (T)	DIVISION/GROUP	NIGHT SHIFT          SCOTT, STEPHEN (T)
AIR QUALITY RESOURCE ADVISOR	CROFT, JENNIFER	<b>7b. Air Operations Branch:</b>	
TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SPECIALIST	FARMER, TONY; ASHBY, JOE THOMPSON, ANDREW J (T)	DEPUTY AIR OPS BRANCH DIRECTOR	BARKER, NANCY
TRAINING SPECIALIST	LEATHERS, MARY (V)	AIR SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	FINLEY, JACK
READ	IRVINE, PETE 304-676-6000	AIR ATTACK SUPERVISOR	LEIGHTY, BOB
REAF	BERES, PLINIO 540-795-9510	HELIBASE MANAGER	HAINES, FRANK
REAF	PAXTON, WYLIE 828-722-4012	AIR OPS BRANCH DIRECTOR	FISH, JOHN
<b>6. Logistics Section:</b>		<b>8. Finance/Administration Section:</b>	
CHIEF	SMITH, JOHNNY	CHIEF	MORRIS, SANDRA; MEREDITH, JAMES; WARNER, JOHN
		TIME UNIT	WINKLER, KIM (PERSONNEL) FARLEY (V) (EQUIPMENT)
		PROCUREMENT UNIT	MIDDLESWORTH, DENISE
		COMPENSATION UNIT	LOWDER, DIANE (V)
		COST UNIT	PEARSON, RACHEL
<b>9. Prepared By:</b>	<b>Name:</b> SUE SOBIESKI	<b>Position/Title:</b> RESL	<b>Signature:</b>
ICS 203	IAP Page	Date/Time: 11/19/2023 2000	



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:** 4  
**PREDICTION FOR:** Day Shift  
**SHIFT DATE:** November 20, 2023  
**FORECAST ISSUED:** November 19, 2023 @1600

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

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**WEATHER DISCUSSION:** Increased cloudiness in the morning with only moderate humidity recoveries in the morning to around 60%. Winds east at 4 to 9 mph in the morning, turning out of the east-southeast throughout the day. Humidity at 50 to 60 percent through the afternoon. High temperatures in the low 50s.

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**WEATHER FORECAST:**

**WEATHER:** Clouds increase throughout the day

**TEMPERATURES:** Low 50s

**HUMIDITY:** 40 to 60%, possibly down to 35% on the ridges

**20 FT WINDS:** East 5-10 mph, turning east-southeast during the afternoon

**HAINES INDEX:** 3 (moderate)

**STABILITY/INVERSION:** Shallow/weak inversion should break by 0900 hours

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**OUTLOOK FOR TONIGHT:**

Clouds and humidity rapidly increase ahead of the next weather system. Winds east at 5 to 10 mph. Some light showers are possible after midnight. Low temperatures in the low to mid 30s. Along the highest ridgetops above 2000 feet, temperatures may approach freezing towards daybreak. This could lead to some light freezing rain if precipitation begins in time. This would mainly accumulate on trees and should be no more than a light glaze.

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**OUTLOOK FOR TUESDAY:**

Steadier rain is expected to begin by 0900 hours and increase in intensity throughout the day. Rainfall could be heavy at times. Rainfall amounts of around 1 to 2 inches expected across the fire and is expected to fall throughout the whole day. East facing slopes can expect to see the most rainfall and may even see isolated higher amounts. Winds east at 5 to 10 mph with occasional gusts to 14 mph.


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**EXTRA INFORMATION:**

Sunrise: 0703

Sunset: 1705



## FIRE BEHAVIOR FORECAST

<b>FORECAST NUMBER: 05</b>	<b>TYPE OF FIRE:</b> Wildland, Type 1
<b>FIRE NAME:</b> Matts Creek	<b>OPERATIONAL PERIOD:</b> Day Shift
<b>DATE ISSUED:</b> 11/19/23 <b>TIME ISSUED:</b> 1600	<b>SHIFT DATE:</b> Monday, November 20 <sup>th</sup> 2023
<b>UNIT:</b> George Washington/Jefferson NF	<b>SIGNED:</b> <b>Greg Titus, FBAN</b> 

### WEATHER SUMMARY:

See weather forecast in today's IAP

### FUELS:

<p>A Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory was issued for Southern Appalachian Mountains and Piedmont on November 13th. Use link below.</p> 	<p>Pocket Cards GWJ NFs</p> 	<p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Forecasted from Glenped (441631) RAWs 11/20/23</b>                  ERC Y – 26, same as yesterday                  1000 hr – 18%</p>
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### FIRE BEHAVIOR:

Fire activity will pick up a little later this morning due to better over night humidity recoveries. Yesterday's firing operations have brought the fire closer to control lines, leaving the fire less distance to move and make active runs. Today's burning period will end sooner than previous days due to the incoming moisture ahead of the rain event.

#### 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	9 ch/hr	1 ch/hr	2 feet	1 foot
Timber Shrub Understory	TU3	26 ch/hr	3 ch/hr	7 feet	2 feet

Probability of Ignition = **28%**

Calculated Spotting from ridgetops is **0.2 miles** this is very unlikely  
 In **15 minutes** a new spot fire or ignition can reach **1.8 acres**.

#### Specific Areas of Concern:

- Div A:** Small areas of fire continue to burn to the east towards the James River and control lines. Fire should reach control lines before end of shift.
- Div D:** Heat is quickly diminishing along the Blue Ridge Parkway. Hazards remain in the form of burned-out snags.
- Div L:** Areas of fire continue to burn toward the Petites Gap Road and control lines. Fire should reach the control lines before end of shift.
- Div S:** Fire will continue to back and flank to the west and north. Fire should reach the control lines before end of shift.

**AIR OPERATIONS:** Increasing clouds through the day. Some areas of smoke. There may be impacts to air operations.

#### SAFETY:

The Pocket Card is a tool for field personnel to locally track fire potential throughout the season. It is based on historical weather and fire occurrence for a localized area. Use the link to the right for more information about pocket cards.



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MATT'S CREEK			<b>Branch:</b>		<b>Division/Group</b>	
<b>2. Operational Period:</b> 0700-0700			<b>ALPHA</b>			
Date/Time From: 11/20/2023 0700 MON		Date/Time To: 11/20/2023 2000 MON				
<b>4. Operations Personnel</b>						
<b>OPERATIONS CHIEF</b>		STURGILL, SHANE		<b>BRANCH DIRECTOR</b>		
<b>DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR</b>		CORNWALL, KELLY S MARTINDALE, JASON (IA LEADER) (T)		<b>SAFETY</b>		LIDELL, BRAD
<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
C-4 CR2IA - PACIFIC OASIS		11/25	MOIT, JOHN	20	/0700	/2000
C-9 CR2IA PACIFIC OASIS *		11/24	LOPEZ, NICK	20	/0700	/2000
E-28 ENG6 - WILDLAND SERVICES 22		12/02	CARSWELL, CHRIS	3	/0700	/2000
O-4 SOF2		11/27	MARION, DAVID	1	/0700	/2000
E-13 AMB1 - MEDIC 10		11/24		2	/0700	/2000
<b>6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:</b>						
<u>Task</u> Continue patrol and mop up fire lines 100' deep. Continue to monitor, assess and mitigate hazard trees. Patrol and monitor Hercules Fire.						
<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.						
<b>7. Special Instructions:</b>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilize MIST tactics in the James River Face Wilderness and adjacent Potential Wilderness Area.</li> <li>Utilize tactical firing if needed to keep ahead of main fire along control lines where appropriate.</li> </ul> <p><i>* by resource name Indicates Initial attack Resource. Rendezvous Points are DP22 or DP34 and will be communicated at time of dispatch. Reference Initial Attack 204 for specifics.</i></p>						
<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	CMD 1	168.4750N	156.7	165.4000N	156.7	A
TACTICAL	TAC 1	168.0500N	156.7	168.0500N	156.7	A
AIR TO GROUND	A/G PRI	169.1500N		169.1500N		A
AIR TO GROUND	A/G SEC	168.4000N		168.4000N		A
<b>9. Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader)</b>		<b>Approved By (Planning Section Chief)</b>			<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
SUE SOBIESKI		LIZ STRUHAR			11/19/2023	2000

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<b>2. Operational Period:</b> 0700-0700					<b>DELTA</b>	
Date/Time From: 11/20/2023 0700 MON		Date/Time To: 11/20/2023 2000 MON				
<b>4. Operations Personnel</b>						
<b>OPERATIONS CHIEF</b>		STURGILL, SHANE		<b>BRANCH DIRECTOR</b>		
<b>DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR</b>		ZUARES, DAVID		<b>SAFETY</b>		LIDELL, BRAD
<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-14 ENG6 - AURORA		11/23	DANEK, BRAD	4	/0700	/2000
E-30 WTS3		11/27	LEWIS, AARON	1	/0700	/2000
O-4 SOF2		11/27	MARION, DAVID	1	/0700	/2000
<b>6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:</b>						
<b>Task</b> Continue to patrol and mop up fire lines 100' deep. Continue to monitor, assess and mitigate hazard trees.						
<b>Purpose</b> To protect private lands, structures, lessen impacts to the Blue Ridge Parkway and hold fire where hand line meets the Blue Ridge Parkway.						
<b>End State</b> Private lands and structures protected and fire contained along handline to the Blue Ridge Parkway.						
<b>7. Special Instructions:</b>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilize MIST tactics in the James River Face Wilderness and along the Blue Ridge Parkway.</li> <li>Utilize tactical firing if needed to keep ahead of main fire along control lines where appropriate.</li> <li>Ambulance Medic 10 and Roanoke County REMS are staged at drop point 22 in Division Alpha.</li> </ul> <p><i>* by resource name Indicates Initial attack Resource. Rendezvous Points are DP22 or DP34 and will be communicated at time of dispatch. Reference Initial Attack 204 for specifics.</i></p>						
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TACTICAL	TAC 2	168.2000N	156.7	168.2000N	156.7	A
AIR TO GROUND	A/G PRI	169.1500N		169.1500N		A
AIR TO GROUND	A/G SEC	168.4000N		168.4000N		A
<b>9. Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader)</b>			<b>Approved By (Planning Section Chief)</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
JASON KAMMANN			LIZ STRUHAR		11/19/2023	2000

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<b>2. Operational Period:</b> 0700-0700					<b>LIMA</b>	
Date/Time From: 11/20/2023 0700 MON		Date/Time To: 11/20/2023 2000 MON				
<b>4. Operations Personnel</b>						
<b>OPERATIONS CHIEF</b>		STURGILL, SHANE		<b>BRANCH DIRECTOR</b>		
<b>DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR</b>		FRY, JOHN		<b>SAFETY</b>		LIDELL, BRAD
<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-25 TFLD		12/01	WANGSGARD, KEVIN	1	/0700	/2000
C-2 CRW2 - COBRAS 4 *		12/01	GARCIA-LEMUS, ISAIN	21	/0700	/2000
O-17 SMOD SALMON RIVER *		11/29	LOFDAHL, KELSEY	17	/0700	/2000
E-3 ENG6 - WILLIAMS WILDLAND FIRE SERVICE		12/02	WOOD, DAN	3	/0700	/2000
E-17 ENG6 - WOLFROCK *		11/23	ACCARDI, JOHN	3	/0700	/2000
E-19 ENG6 - TIMBERLINE *		11/26	ANTONIO, JEROME	3	/0700	/2000
E-25 ENG6 - WILDLAND SERVICES 25		12/02	HATCH, JARED	3	/0700	/2000
BUFFALO BLOWER #2 VA STATE PARKS		11/27	WALVOORT, ASA	2	/0700	/2000
O-10 EMPF RED LINE MEDIC		11/28	J T DIMAURO	1	/0700	/2000
O-4 SOFR		11/23	MARION, DAVID	1	/0700	/2000
<b>6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:</b>						
<b>Task</b> Patrol, monitor, prepare and hold fire to the east of Petites Gap Road. Patrol and mop-up where fire has impacted Petites Gap Road and keep fire from crossing to the Division Breaks.						
<b>Purpose</b> To stop fire progression from expanding into Thunder Ridge Wilderness and progressing to the West.						
<b>End State</b> Fire is held and controlled East of Petites Gap Road.						
<b>7. Special Instructions:</b>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilize MIST tactics in the James River Face Wilderness.</li> <li>Utilize tactical firing if needed to keep ahead of main fire along control lines where appropriate.</li> <li>Ambulance Medic 10 and Roanoke County REMS are staged at drop point 22 in Division Alpha.</li> </ul>						
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AIR TO GROUND	A/G PRI	169.1500N		169.1500N		A
AIR TO GROUND	A/G SEC	168.4000N		168.4000N		A
<b>9. Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader)</b>			<b>Approved By (Planning Section Chief)</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
SUE SOBIESKI			LIZ STRUHAR		11/19/2023	2000



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<b>2. Operational Period: 0700-0700</b>						
Date/Time From: 11/20/2023 0700 MON		Date/Time To: 11/20/2023 2000 MON				
<b>4. Operations Personnel</b>						
<b>OPERATIONS CHIEF</b>	STURGILL, SHANE			<b>BRANCH DIRECTOR</b>		
<b>DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR</b>	FRY, JOHN			<b>SAFETY</b>	LIDELL, BRAD	
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<b>DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR</b>		PROBERT, DANIEL DON		<b>SAFETY</b>		LIDELL, BRAD
<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
C-10 CRW1 BEAR DIVIDE *			ANDERSON, BRIAN	21	/0700	/2000
C-1 CR2I - GRAYBACK		12/01	DOUGHERTY, MATT	20	/0700	/2000
C-5 CR2IA TEXAS CANYON		11/29	ORTIZ, ALEJANDRO	20	/0700	/2000
TFLD ***		11/27	COTNER, JOE	1	/0700	/2000
TFLD (T) ***		11/27	STENNETT, JACOB / CAHOON, CHRIS	1	/0700	/2000
TFLD (T) ***		11/28	CHRIS CALHOON (T)	1	/0700	/2000
CRW2 PA STATE CREW 1 ***		11/27	ZOSCHG, PETER	14	/0700	/2000
O-117 SMOD CASCADIA		11/25	VINCENT, BRIAN	10	/0700	/2000
E-4 ENG6 EAGLE *		11/23	WHEELER, HARRY	3	/0700	/2000
E-5 ENG6 CHIHUAHUA *		11/25	BIGROPE, RORY	3	/0700	/2000
E-27 ENG6 ATLANTIC WILDFIRE		12/02	THOMPSON, CODY	3	/0700	/2000
E-29 ENG6 WILDLANDS FIRE		12/02	VERA, ANTHONY	3	/0700	/2000
BUFFALO BLOWER #1 VA STATE PARKS		11/27	BALDWIN, NICK	1	/0700	/2000
REMS - MODULE - RAPID EXTRACTION MODULE - ROANO		11/23			/0700	/2000
O-53 SOFC		12/02	STONE DAVID	1	/0700	/2000
<b>6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:</b>						
<b>Task</b>						
Continue to improve control lines on the Northwest side of the fire utilizing horse trail/road and hand line to the James River. Monitor fire progression as it backs down to the fire line.						
<b>Purpose</b>						
To establish control lines on the North side of the fire and protect private lands and values at risk.						
<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	CMD 1	168.4750N	156.7	165.4000N	156.7	A
TACTICAL	TAC 2	168.2000N	156.7	168.2000N	156.7	A
AIR TO GROUND	A/G PRI	169.1500N		169.1500N		A
AIR TO GROUND	A/G SEC	168.4000N		168.4000N		A
<b>9. Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader)</b>		<b>Approved By (Planning Section Chief)</b>			<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
SUE SOBIESKI		LIZ STRUHAR			11/19/2023	2000

**Division/Group Assignment List (ICS 204 WF)**  
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<b>1. Incident Name:</b>			<b>3.</b>			
MATT'S CREEK			<b>Branch:</b>		<b>Division/Group</b>	
<b>2. Operational Period:</b> 0700-0700					<b>SIERRA</b>	
Date/Time From: 11/20/2023 0700 MON		Date/Time To: 11/20/2023 2000 MON				
<b>4. Operations Personnel</b>						
<b>OPERATIONS CHIEF</b>		STURGILL, SHANE		<b>BRANCH DIRECTOR</b>		
<b>DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR</b>		PROBERT, DANIEL DON		<b>SAFETY</b>		LIDELL, BRAD
<b>6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:</b>						
<b>End State</b> Lines established and fire controlled.						
<b>7. Special Instructions:</b>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilize MIST tactics in the James River Face Wilderness.</li> <li>Utilize tactical firing if needed to keep ahead of main fire along control lines where appropriate.</li> <li>Ambulance Medic 10 and Roanoke County REMS are staged at drop point 22 in Division Alpha.</li> </ul> <p>* by resource name Indicates Initial attack Resource. Rendezvous Points are DP22 or DP34 and will be communicated at time of dispatch. Reference Initial Attack 204 for specifics.</p> <p>*** by VAS resource assisting Matts Creek Fire.</p>						
<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	CMD 1	168.4750N	156.7	165.4000N	156.7	A
TACTICAL	TAC 2	168.2000N	156.7	168.2000N	156.7	A
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<b>9. Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader)</b>		<b>Approved By (Planning Section Chief)</b>		<b>Date</b>		<b>Time</b>
SUE SOBIESKI		LIZ STRUHAR		11/19/2023		2000

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<b>1. Incident Name:</b>			<b>3.</b>			
MATT'S CREEK			<b>Branch:</b>		<b>Division/Group</b>	
<b>2. Operational Period:</b> 0700-0700			<b>STRUCTURE EAST</b>			
Date/Time From: 11/20/2023 0700 MON		Date/Time To: 11/20/2023 2000 MON				
<b>4. Operations Personnel</b>						
<b>OPERATIONS CHIEF</b>		STURGILL, SHANE		<b>BRANCH DIRECTOR</b>		
<b>DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR</b>		HATFIELD, ART		<b>SAFETY</b>		LIDELL, BRAD
<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-18 ENG6 - ATLANTIC WILDFIRE		12/01		3	/0700	/2000
O-4 SOFR		11/27	MARION, DAVID	1	/0700	/2000
<b>6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:</b>						
<b>Task</b> Establish structure protections and plans for affected communities and structures.						
<b>Purpose</b> Provide structure protection as needed as the Matts Creek Fire impacts values at risk.						
<b>End State</b> All values at risk protected.						
<b>7. Special Instructions:</b>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess any areas for potential hazards. Foster positive relationships with local communities and fire departments.</li> <li>Ambulance Medic 10 and Roanoke County REMS are staged at drop point 22 in Division Alpha.</li> </ul> <p><i>* by resource name Indicates Initial attack Resource. Rendezvous Points are DP22 or DP34 and will be communicated at time of dispatch. Reference Initial Attack 204 for specifics.</i></p>						
<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	CMD 1	168.4750N	156.7	165.4000N	156.7	A
TACTICAL	TAC 3	168.6000N	156.7	168.6000N	156.7	A
AIR TO GROUND	A/G PRI	169.1500N		169.1500N		A
AIR TO GROUND	A/G SEC	168.4000N		168.4000N		A
<b>9. Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader)</b>			<b>Approved By (Planning Section Chief)</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
SUE SOBIESKI, RESL			LIZ STRUHAR		11/19/2023	2000

**Division/Group Assignment List (ICS 204 WF)**  
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<b>1. Incident Name:</b>			<b>3.</b>			
MATT'S CREEK			<b>Branch:</b>		<b>Division/Group</b>	
<b>2. Operational Period:</b> 0700-0700			<b>STRUCTURE WEST</b>			
Date/Time From: 11/20/2023 0700 MON		Date/Time To: 11/20/2023 2000 MON				
<b>4. Operations Personnel</b>						
<b>OPERATIONS CHIEF</b>		SHANE STURGILL		<b>BRANCH DIRECTOR</b>		
<b>DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR</b>		ROBERTSON, CRAIG		<b>SAFETY</b>		LIDELL, BRAD
<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
SOFC STONE, DAVID		12/02		1		
<b>6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:</b>						
<b>Task</b> Establish structure protections and plans for affected communities and structures.						
<b>Purpose</b> Provide structure protection as needed as the Matts Creek Fire impacts values at risk.						
<b>End State</b> All values at risk protected.						
<b>7. Special Instructions:</b>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess any areas for potential hazards. Foster positive relationships with local communities and fire departments.</li> <li>Ambulance Medic 10 and Roanoke County REMS are staged at drop point 22 in Division Alpha.</li> </ul> <p><i>* by resource name Indicates Initial attack Resource. Rendezvous Points are DP22 or DP34 and will be communicated at time of dispatch. Reference Initial Attack 204 for specifics.</i></p>						
<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	CMD 1	168.4750N	156.7	165.4000N	156.7	A
TACTICAL	TAC 4	166.7250N	156.7	166.7250N	156.7	A
AIR TO GROUND	A/G PRI	169.1500N		169.1500N		A
AIR TO GROUND	A/G SEC	168.4000N		168.4000N		A
<b>9. Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader)</b>			<b>Approved By (Planning Section Chief)</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
SUE SOBIESKI, RESL			LIZ STRUHAR		11/19/2023	2000





**ON-SCENE SIZE-UP***Complete and relay information to Dispatch within 5 minutes on-scene.*

Incident Name:

IC:

Estimated Size:

acres

Ownership at Origin:

DATUM NAD 83  
D, dM

Latitude: ° .

Longitude: ° .

Observed Hazards:

Fuel Type:

**Grass  
Pine****Grass/Brush  
Rhodo/Laurel/Shrub****Hardwood Litter****Oak/Pine  
Logging/Slash**Spread  
Potential:**LOW****MODERATE****HIGH****EXTREME**

Best Access:

Threat to Wildland/Urban Interface (WUI)?  NO  Yes- specify:Life or property (structures) threatened?  NO  Yes- specify:Additional resources needed?  NO  Yes- specify:

Resources on-scene:

**FIRE SIZE-UP***Complete and relay information to Dispatch within 45 minutes on-scene.*

Character of Fire:

**Smoldering Creeping Running Spotting  
Torching Crowning Erratic**

Flame Length:

in / ft

Slope:

%

Aspect:

Position on Slope:

**Ridgetop Upper 1/3 Middle 1/3 Lower 1/3 Valley**

Wind Speed:

Gusts:

Direction:

Elevation:

Cause:

**Lightning****Campfire****Smoking****Debris Burning****Arson****Equipment****Railroad****Children****Other:**

Weather Conditions:

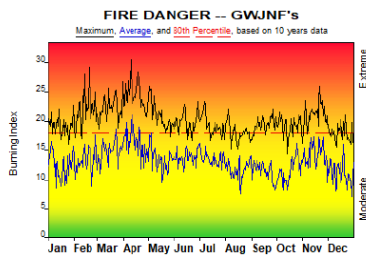
**Clear Scattered Clouds Building Cumulus T-Storms  
Lightning Overcast Light Rain Heavy Rain**Is Law Enforcement needed on scene?  NO  Yes

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<b>1. Incident Name:</b>			<b>3.</b>			
MATT'S CREEK			<b>Branch:</b>		<b>Division/Group</b>	
<b>2. Operational Period:</b> 0700-0700			<b>NIGHT SHIFT</b>			
Date/Time From: 11/20/2023 1800 MON		Date/Time To: 11/21/2023 0700 TUE				
<b>4. Operations Personnel</b>						
<b>OPERATIONS CHIEF</b>		SHANE STURGILL		<b>BRANCH DIRECTOR</b>		
<b>DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR</b>		STEPHEN SCOTT (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-2 ENG6 - PATRICK		11/30	JOHNSON, QUINTON	3	/1800	/0700
E-15 ENG6 - CO 2280		11/29	GROGAN, BRIAN	4	/1800	/0700
E-16 ENG6 - PARACORP		12/01	MURPHY, BUTCH	3	/1800	/0700
E-24 ENG6 SCHOLL FIRE & FUELS		12/03	SHORE, ADAM	3	/1800	/0700
O-6 EMPF		12/01	BRUCKNER, NICK	1	/1800	/0700
O-7 EMPF		12/01	GARCIA, MARCOS	1	/1800	/0700
<b>6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:</b>						
<b>Task</b> 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. Assess hazard tree locations and identify along Blue Ridge Parkway and Petite Gap Road. Patrol private structures at Hunting Camp in Division A.						
<b>Purpose</b> To ensure fire does not slop-over established control lines and protecting values at risk.						
<b>End State</b> Fire is kept within control lines and values at risk protected.						
<b>7. Special Instructions:</b>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilize MIST tactics in the James River Face Wilderness.</li> <li>Utilize tactical firing if needed to keep ahead of main fire along control lines where appropriate.</li> <li>Minimize foot travel off unimproved surfaces and roadways. and wear high vis clothing.</li> <li>Reduce travel speeds to mitigate traveling in the darkness and smoke.</li> <li>Accountability is critical through out the night.</li> </ul>						
<b>8. Division/Group Communication Summary</b>						
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<b>9. Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader)</b>		<b>Approved By (Planning Section Chief)</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	
SUE SOBIESKI		LIZ STRUHAR		11/19/2023	2000	

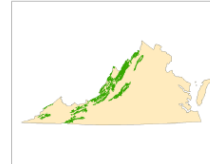
# Pocket Cards - GWJNFs

## Burning Index



### Fire Danger Area:

- FDRA 2
- NWS: Blacksburg, VA
- SIG: Lime Kiln, Sawmill Ridge, Craig Valley, Stony Fork
- \*Meets NWCG Wx Station Standards
- Note: The GWJNF's encompass FDRAs 1-4. FDRA 2 has experienced the largest fires and is being used to represent fire danger for the purposes of this PocketCard.



### Fire Danger Interpretation

- EXTREME** – Use extreme caution
- High** – Watch for change
- Moderate** – Lower Potential, but always be aware

Maximum – Highest Burning Index by day for 2010-2019

Average – shows peak fire season over 10 years (3649 observations)

80<sup>th</sup> percentile – 20% of the 3649 days from 2010-2019 had a Burning Index above 18

**Local Thresholds – Watch Out:** Combinations of any of these factors can greatly increase fire behavior:  
 20' Wind Speed over 18 mph, RH less than 25%, Temperature over 85, 100-Hour Fuel Moisture less than 15

### Remember what Fire Danger tells you:

- ✓ Burning Index gives day-to-day fluctuations calculated from temperature, humidity, wind, daily temperature & RH ranges, and precip duration.
- ✓ Wind is part of BI calculation.
- ✓ Watch local conditions and variations across the landscape – Fuel, Weather, Topography
- ✓ Listen to weather forecasts – especially WIND.

### Past Experience:

-Spring 2012 and Fall 2016 were characterized by prolonged drought, higher than normal temperatures, and several extreme wind events leading to large fire growth and extreme fire behavior.

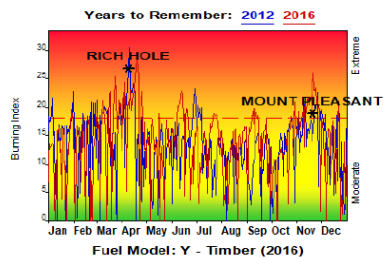
Rich Hole Fire: 15,454 acres, Mount Pleasant Fire: 11,229 acres.

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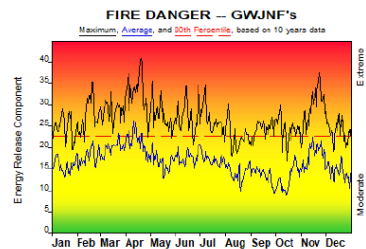
-After the top layer of leaf litter burns, the moist sub-leaf layer can dry out and ignite several days later, especially during wind events.

-Be aware of 100 hr fuel moisture conditions as an indicator of suppression difficulty.

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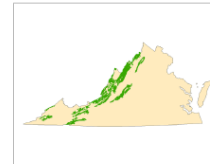


## ERC



### Fire Danger Area:

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### Fire Danger Interpretation

- EXTREME** – Use extreme caution
- High** – Watch for change
- Moderate** – Lower Potential, but always be aware

Maximum – Highest Energy Release Component by day for 2010-2019

Average – shows peak fire season over 10 years (3649 observations)

80<sup>th</sup> percentile – 20% of the 3649 days from 2010-2019 had an Energy Release Component above 22

**Local Thresholds – Watch Out:** Combinations of any of these factors can greatly increase fire behavior:  
 20' Wind Speed over 18 mph, RH less than 25%, Temperature over 85, 100-Hour Fuel Moisture less than 15

### Remember what Fire Danger tells you:

- ✓ Energy Release Component gives seasonal trends calculated from temperature, humidity, daily temperature & RH ranges, and precip duration.
- ✓ Wind is NOT part of ERC calculation.
- ✓ Watch local conditions and variations across the landscape – Fuel, Weather, Topography
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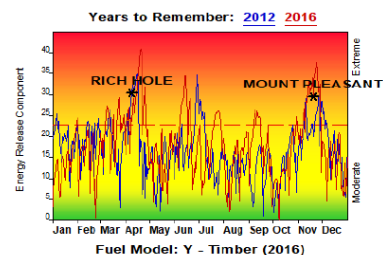
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**ICS 205**

INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN			MATTS CREEK FIRE			Date/Time Prepared: November 19, 2023 1300 HRS			Operational Period Date/Time From: 11/20/23 0700 HRS To: 11/21/23 2400 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	TAC 1	DIV A, DIV L	168.0500N	156.7	168.0500N	156.7	A		
2	TAC	TAC 2	DIV D, DIV S	168.2000N	156.7	168.2000N	156.7	A		
3	TAC	TAC 3	STRUCTURE E NIGHT	168.6000N	156.7	168.6000N	156.7	A		
4	TAC	TAC 4	STRUCTURE W	166.7250N	156.7	166.7250N	156.7	A		
5	TAC	TAC 5	INITIAL ATTACK	166.7750N	156.7	166.7750N	156.7	A		
6	TAC	SE COMPACT		159.2850N		159.2850N		A		
7	COMMAND	CMD 1	ALL DIVISIONS	168.4750N	156.7	165.4000N	156.7	A	C-6 Repeater (Matts Creek)	
8										
9										
10		APPLE ORCH		171.5250N	\$F7E	164.1375N	\$68F	D	Apple Orchard Repeater (FS)	
11		ROCKY MTN		171.5250N	\$F7E	164.1375N	\$61F	D	Rocky Mountain Repeater (FS)	
12		NAT BRIDGE		171.5250N	\$F7E	164.1375N	\$40B	D	Natural Bridge Repeater (FS)	
13	AIR TO GROUND	A/G PRI		169.1500N		169.1500N		A	A/G Primary	
14	AIR TO GROUND	A/G SEC		168.4000N		168.4000N		A	A/G Secondary	
15		EMS MUT		155.2050N		155.2050N		A	EMS Mutual Aid	
16	AIR GUARD	AIRGUARD		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			Latitude / Longitude: ° / °		

*The convention calls for frequency lists to show four digits after the decimal place, followed by either an "N" or a "W", depending on whether the frequency is narrow or wide band. Mode refers to either "A" or "D" indicating analog or digital (Project 25).*

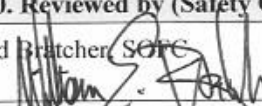
**\*\*\* Special Instructions: Use Human Repeater When Necessary.**



## MEDICAL PLAN (ICS 206 WF)

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<b>1. Incident/Project Name</b>			<b>2. Operational Period</b>				
Matts Creek			11/20/23 0700 - 11/21/23 0700				
<b>2. Medical Aid Stations</b>							
<b>3. Ambulance Services</b>							
Matts Creek Communications 252-723-3394							
<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Advanced Life Support</b>				
			<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>			
Medic 10	ICP	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				
<b>4. Air Ambulance Services</b>							
<b>Name</b>	<b>Location, Capabilities</b>			<b>Advanced Life Support (ALS)</b>			
				<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>		
VA State Police 911 / 804-743-2230	Hoist, Short Haul. Will transport to hospital.			X			
Carilion Life Guard 11 911 / 888-377-7628	1 Health Cir, Lexington, VA 24450 (15 minutes)			X			
<b>5. Hospitals</b>							
<b>Name/Address</b>	<b>GPS Datum – WGS 84 Coordinate Standard</b>		<b>Travel Time</b>		<b>Phone</b>	<b>Helipad</b>	<b>Level of Care Facility</b>
	<b>Lat:</b>		<b>Air</b>	<b>Gnd</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Carilion Rockbridge 1 Health Cir, Lexington, VA 24450	37° 46.761'		5 min	20 min	540-458-3300	X	
	<b>Long:</b>						
Carilion Roanoke Memorial 1906 Belleview Ave Roanoke, VA 24014	-79° 26.470'		29 min	50 min	540-206-4301	X	
	<b>Lat:</b>						
	37° 15.065'						
	<b>Long:</b>						
	-79° 56.570'						
	<b>VHF:</b>						
Centra Lynchburg General 1901 Tate Spring Rd Lynchburg VA 24501	37° 25.045'		5 min	25 min	434-200-7387	X	
	<b>Long:</b>						
	-79° 10.239'						
	<b>VHF:</b>						
VCU Evans-Hayes Burn Center 1213 E. Clay St Richmond, VA 23298	37° 32.384'		45 min	135 min	804-828-3060	X	
	<b>Long:</b>						
	-77° 25.764'						
	<b>VHF:</b>						
<b>6. Clinics</b>							

<b>8. Prepared By (Medical Unit Leader)</b>	<b>9. Date/Time</b>	<b>10. Reviewed by (Safety Officer)</b>	
Fred Adler, MEDL 479-238-6064 Nick Arnett, MEDL 408-888-1900	11/19/2023	Ed Bratcher, SOFC 	11/19/23

**IWI IC Responsibilities – Division Group Supervisor or Point of Contact**

- Take charge of the scene – inform the Division Supervisor and Matts Creek ICP 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 ICP.
- 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 ICP as early as possible.
- Notify ICP 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	
<b>Div A</b>	EMS Responders & Capability:	<b>Request adjacent division medical resources.</b>
<b>Div D</b>	EMS Responders & Capability:	<b>Request adjacent division medical resources.</b> <i>(Note: Engine E-14 is ALS.)</i>
<b>Div L</b>	EMS Responders & Capability:	<b>DP 34</b> <b>EMPF J.T. Dimauro (O-10) 910-217-2195</b>
<b>Div S</b>	EMS Responders & Capability:	<b>DP 45</b> <b>REMS Roanoke County (O-40): Mike Roth 540-493-6373</b>
<b>ICP</b>	EMS Responders & Capability:	<b>ALS Ambulance Medic 10 (E-13) Omar Dominquez 713-572-5196</b> <b>MEDL/EMT Nick Arnett (O-21.50) 408-888-1900</b> <b>MEDL/EMT Fred Adler (O-21.49) 479-238-6064</b>
<b>Structure E</b>	EMS Responders & Capability:	<b>Request adjacent division medical resources.</b>
<b>Structure W</b>	EMS Responders & Capability:	<b>Request adjacent division medical resources.</b>
<b>Night</b>	EMS Responders & Capability:	<b>EMPF Nick Bruckner (O-6) 805-443-6786</b> <b>EMPF Marcos Garcia (O-7) 925-321-5013</b>

- 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: Monday, November 20, 2023**

### **Major Hazards & Risks: WUI, Communication, School Zones**

**WUI** – Wildland Urban Interface is a part of the current fire area and may be involved in new initial attack fires. Identify hazards such as utilities, gas tanks, narrow roads, hazardous materials, bridges, people and animals. These hazards may be present during structure inventory, preparation and defense. All defense actions require an adequate safety zone at the scene. Coordinate with local or state resources on scene. *Follow IRPG procedures for WUI, pages 11-15*

**Communication** – New resources arrive daily and current resources may be moved to new locations. Leaders will provide briefings to communicate mission, hazards and the plan for medical emergencies. Initial attack resources should verify radio frequencies and include local responders in briefings. *“Maintain prompt communications with your forces, your supervisor and adjoining forces.”*

**School** – Schools may be open and children present the first few days this week, so drive with care in these zones. Children, parents and teachers will be driving and walking, especially in the morning. *Do not be distracted when driving in school zones.*

### **RAIN**

Prepare for the rain coming Tuesday.

Secure and cover equipment as needed in beds and on the line.

Find or borrow your raincoat for Tuesday’s shift.

<b>AIR OPERATIONS SUMMARY 220</b>	Prepared By: John Fish	Prepared: 11/19/2023	Prepared Time: 1530 hrs.		
<b>INCIDENT NAME:</b> Matts Creek Fire	<b>OPERATIONAL PERIOD</b> 11/20/2023	<b>START TIME</b> 0900	<b>END TIME</b> 1700	<b>SUNRISE</b> 0701	<b>SUNSET</b> 1702

<b>REMARKS</b> - 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)	<b>MEDICAL RESPONSE AIRCRAFT</b> * Follow Medical Plan ICS-206 *	<b>TFR</b> <b>Matts Creek 3/4016</b> 7,000 feet MSL 0800 – 2400 local Freq: 134.525
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PERSONNEL	NAME	PHONE #	FREQUENCIES	AM	FM	FIXED-WING Avail/ Type/ Make-Model/ N#/ Base
<b>AOBD</b>	John Fish	<b>850-843-0977</b>	<b>A/G PRI</b>		<b>169.1500</b>	<b>ATGS Platforms:</b> N16KW – Matts Creek Air Attack
<b>Deputy AOBD</b>	Nancy Barker	<b>253-312-4301</b>	<b>A/G SEC</b>		<b>168.4000</b>	<b>F/W Bases:</b>
<b>ASGS</b>	Jack Finley	<b>404-909-0248</b>	<b>Air-Air PRI</b>	<b>134.525</b>		<b>R/W Bases:</b> New London Helibase (@W90)
<b>ATGS</b>	Bob Leighty	<b>970-250-0353</b>	<b>Air-Air Rotor</b>	<b>121.825</b>		<b>Air Tankers</b> Ordered through VICC from Chattanooga ATB
<b>HEBM</b>	Frank Haines	<b>605-517-0832</b>	<b>Deck</b>		<b>163.100</b>	
<b>UAS Module (UR31)</b>	Ed Yue	<b>304-906-9065</b>				

### HELICOPTERS

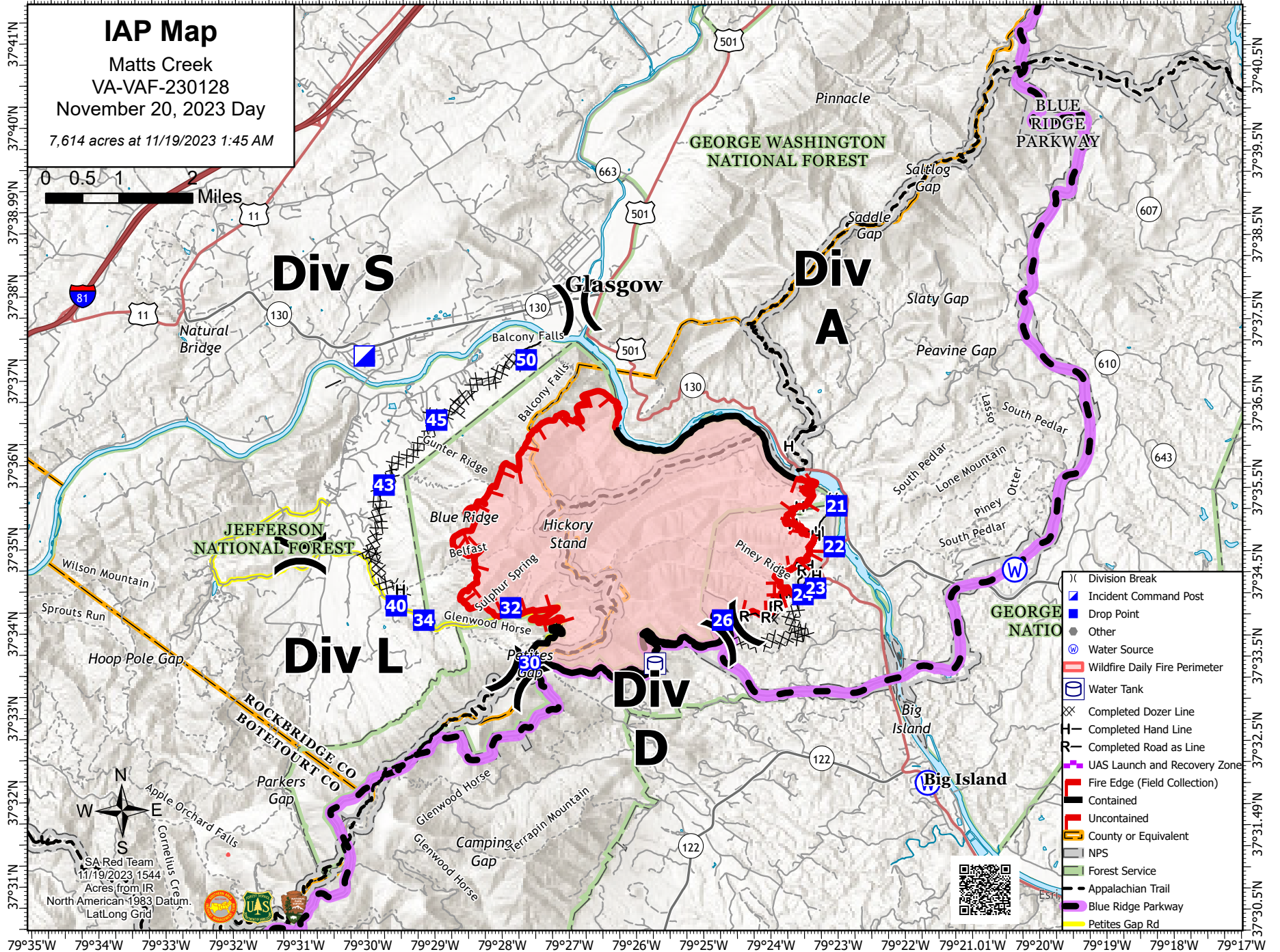
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<b>N803PJ</b>	1	UH-60	New London	0800	0900	Bucket							
<b>N767NA</b>	1	KMAX	New London	0800	0900	Bucket							
<b>N46HX</b>	3	B-407	Lynchburg	0800	0900	Bucket/Recon/ PSD							

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# IAP Map

Matts Creek  
VA-VAF-230128  
November 20, 2023 Day  
7,614 acres at 11/19/2023 1:45 AM

0 0.5 1 2 Miles



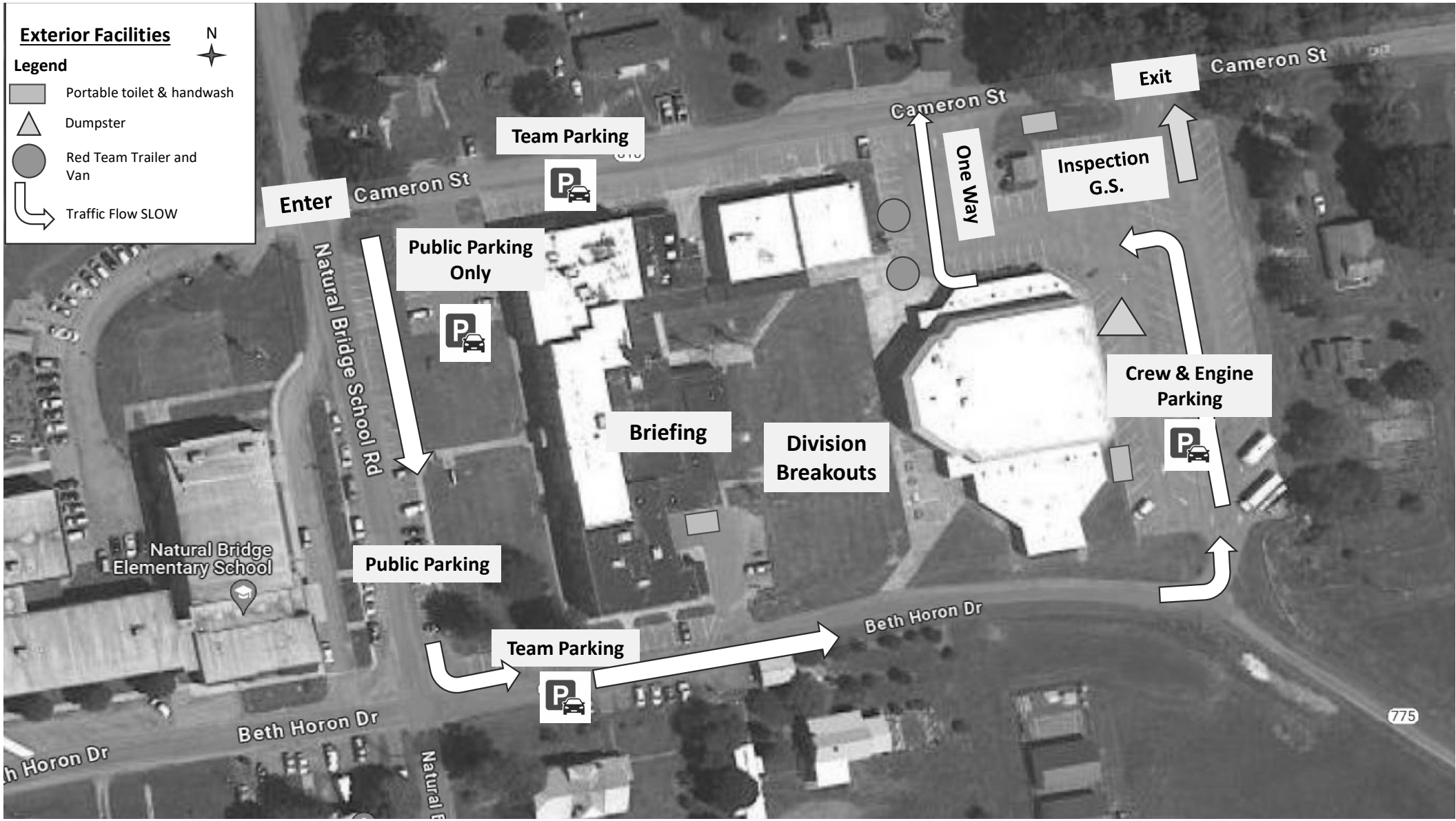
SA Red Team  
11/19/2023 1544  
Acres from IR  
North American 1983 Datum  
LatLong Grid



- ( ) Division Break
- Incident Command Post
- Drop Point
- Other
- ⊙ Water Source
- ⊙ Water Tank
- ⊗ Completed Dozer Line
- ⊕ Completed Hand Line
- ⊖ Completed Road as Line
- ⊙ UAS Launch and Recovery Zone
- ▬ Fire Edge (Field Collection)
- ▬ Contained
- ▬ Uncontained
- ▬ County or Equivalent
- ▬ NPS
- ▬ Forest Service
- ▬ Appalachian Trail
- ▬ Blue Ridge Parkway
- ▬ Petites Gap Rd

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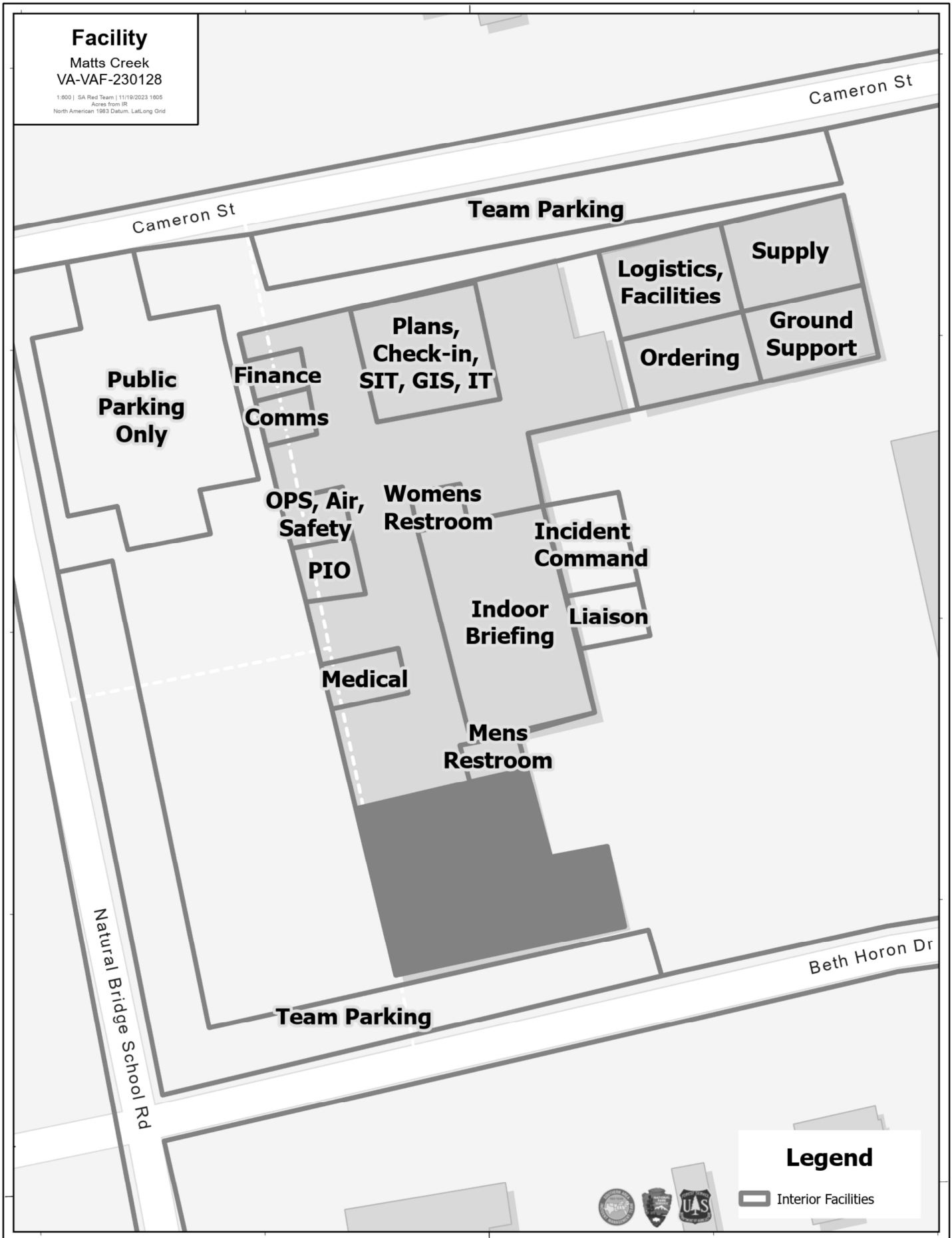




# Facility

Matts Creek  
VA-VAF-230128

1:800 | SA Red Team | 11/19/2023 1605  
Acres from IR  
North American 1983 Datum, Lat/Long Grid



## Legend

 Interior Facilities



## **RESOURCE ADVISOR MESSAGE – MATTS CREEK FIRE**

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

Utilizing Minimum Impact Strategies 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 both the fire and the 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 and are limited to 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 dozer line construction on NPS lands is allowed. Trimming dozers across NPS lands with blades/plows up is allowed.

The entire Blue Ridge Parkway itself is a protected cultural resource, including the roadway, guard walls, guard rails, culverts, overlooks, and pullouts.

Resource Advisors:       Pete Irvine     c: 304-676-6000, or radio.  
                                  Plinio Beres   c: 540-795-9510, or radio.  
                                  Wiley Paxton  c: 828-722-4012, or radio



**TRAINING MESSAGE:**

GET YOUR TRAINING ASSIGNMENT DOCUMENTED WITH THE TRAINING SPECIALIST.

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

UPDATE: There is a new QR code that will link to the TNSP 1 document. In addition, please send a photo of the PTB coverage via email or text to the Training Specialist.

Training Specialist contact information cellphone 254-855-4010, email: [Mary\\_Leathers@firenet.gov](mailto:Mary_Leathers@firenet.gov)

It is the responsibility of the Trainee to review their task book 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\\_Leathers@firenet.gov](mailto:Mary_Leathers@firenet.gov).



# FINANCE

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW USING YOUR CAMERA TO SEND IN  
YOUR CTRs and/or SHIFT TICKETS



OR EMAIL YOUR PDFS/JPEGS TO:

[2023.mattsreek.finance@firenet.gov](mailto:2023.mattsreek.finance@firenet.gov)

In the SUBJECT LINE put OVERHEAD with O# or EQUIPMENT with E#  
to help identify the content in the email.

**If you are an AD**, we need a copy of your **Casual Hire** form and  
**Resource Order**.

**If you are a Cooperator or Contractor**, we need a copy of your  
**Agreement/Contract** and **Resource Order**.

**All Contract/Cooperator Equipment** needs to have a **Pre-Use  
Inspection** form.

**If you are a Crew**, we need a copy of your **Manifest** as well as the  
documents mentioned above.

If you have any questions, or need help getting started, the finance  
staff will be at the AM briefings to assist you!

**SPECIAL NOTE**: If you worked IA for the Hercules Fire, please indicate  
that on the bottom of your CTR.

# 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](mailto:2023.mattscreek.demob@firenet.gov)



Demob Checkout Form

## Last Work Day

Incident: MATTS CREEK US-VA-VAF-  
11/20/2023 - 11/24/2023

### COMMAND

11/22/2023

LOFR O-21.86 KNIGHTON, JEREMY NEIL

11/23/2023

SOFR O-4 MARION, DAVE

### EXTERNAL

11/23/2023

BUYM O-37 CONNORS, SYLVESTER E

### LOGISTICS

11/22/2023

EMTF O-10 RED LINE MEDIC, J T DIMAURO

11/23/2023

RES O-40 REMS - MODULE - RAPID EXTRACTION MODULE - ROANO

11/24/2023

WTS3 E-30 GILA VENTURES LLC - 121423

AMB1 E-13 MEDICAL JETS INTERNATIONAL LLC - 133195

### OPERATIONS

11/21/2023

DIVS O-18 SCOTT, STEPHEN ANTHONY

11/23/2023

ENG6 E-17 KS LLC GENERAL CONTRACTING - C53286

ENG6 E-4 RAMOS, EAGLE - A24183

OSCC O-21.84 PARR, JOSEPH

11/24/2023

CR2I C-9 PACIFIC OASIS WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION NCC 14A

### PLANS

11/20/2023

IMET O-26 CASSELL, CHRISTIAN MCDANIEL

PSCC O-21.72 VOSS, MORGAN ANN ELIZABETH

11/21/2023

GISS O-21.87 MALLONEE, HESTER CATHERINE

11/22/2023

IMET O-33 LEDBETTER, CODY JAMES



# THANKSGIVING SIGN-UP

- The team is catering in a Thanksgiving dinner for everyone on Thursday from 5-7 pm in the Auditorium at ICP where we hold briefing.
- Folks would come off the line early to attend.
- You would not claim dinner as part of per diem on Thursday (just show dinner provided on your voucher) so the dinner can be paid for since it can't be done for free.
- The menu would be:
 

○ Turkey	Dressing/stuffing	Rolls
○ Pork Loin	Salad	Butter
○ Vegetarian main meal option	Green Beans	Cookies
○ Mashed potatoes w/gravy	Cranberry sauce	Brownies

Please go into the QR Code below to indicate that you are attending the dinner (if you are still on the fire) and will not claim dinner on your travel voucher for that day. Also indicate if you need the vegetarian main meal option (not sure what that will be yet.) Check w/logistics if you have qxs.

Overhead personnel will sign up individually. Crews and equipment will sign up together as a group.

**Everyone must fill this out by 1100 TODAY! Thank you!**





**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"/> <b>RED / PRIORITY 1 Life or limb threatening injury or illness. Evacuation need is IMMEDIATE</b> <i>Ex: Unconscious, difficulty breathing, bleeding severely, 2° – 3° burns more than 4 palm sizes, heat stroke, disoriented.</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>YELLOW / PRIORITY 2 Serious Injury or illness. Evacuation may be DELAYED if necessary.</b> <i>Ex: Significant trauma, unable to walk, 2° – 3° burns not more than 1-3 palm sizes.</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>GREEN / PRIORITY 3 Minor Injury or illness. Non-Emergency transport</b> <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>
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:

**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 \*\*\*

