

2005 CALIFORNIA DESERT INTERAGENCY FIRE OPERATIONS PLAN

CALIFORNIA DESERT INTERAGENCY FIRE PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

The California Desert was designed as an Innovative Management Laboratory in December 1994, by the Secretary of the Interior. It was subsequently approved by the Vice President under the auspices of the National Performance Review. The initiative is one of the Departments of the Interior's (DOI) priority efforts to demonstrate how interagency collaboration can be applied on a large scale regional basis. The objectives of this initiative are for the federal and state agencies in the desert to collaborate to: 1) Plan and manage under the principles of ecosystem management; 2) Provide effective customer service; and, 3) Increase agency efficiency through intergovernmental organization coordination.

The California Desert Interagency Fire Management Organization complies with the guidelines of the National Performance Review and the Federal Wildland Fire Management Policies and Objectives. Compliance with this plan is expected to:

Encourage collaboration; the sharing of responsibility, empower staff at all levels of the organization; build trust through personal communication that recognizes the values of free and open exchange of information and ideas; create a work environment that ensures safety of personnel and emphasize the development of interpersonal skills to stimulate high motivation and job satisfaction.,

PURPOSE

The purpose of this plan is to establish guidelines, roles and responsibilities for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and National Park Service (NPS) interagency fire management program within the California Desert and to comply with the intent of the Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy and Program Review.

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

The BLM District Manager (DM) and NPS Park Superintendents (PS) are responsible for their respective fire management programs. BLM Field Office Managers and NPS Chief Rangers manage the day-to-day fire program in their respective zones as delineated in the management of duties matrix. Zone Fire Management Officers (FMOs) work directly for BLM Field Office Managers and NPS Chief Rangers and will be assigned to all zones. DOI fire program policy implementation is the responsibility of the California Desert District (CDD) Fire and Aviation Management Officer (FMO) and NPS Superintendents.

A. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

The DM has full authority for the management of the fire program within the CDD. The DM delegates the authority and responsibility to the CDD FMO. The CDD FMO is responsible for the District fire and aviation program safety, management, coordination and administration and coordinates with the appropriate agency administrators to determine the fire program level required to implement land use decisions to meet management objectives.

Line authority is delegated by the DM to the Field Office Managers. They are responsible for the safe, effective and efficient implementation of fire management activities within their field office. (Ref. 2002 Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations Ch.2, sec.2)

Within the line authority of the Field Office Managers are fire stations, engines, crews, helicopter modules, fuels crews and fire prevention officers. The Field Office Managers delegate responsibilities to Zone FMOs to supervise, manage and operate the fire program.

The Zone FMO is responsible and accountable to provide leadership for the fire management program at the local area and reports directly to the Chief Ranger and/or Field Office Manager within their Zone.

The local area is defined as the field office and park/preserve boundaries within the zone. This also includes the designated areas of the Barstow and South Coast Zones, which are within the direct protection area (DPA) of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) through an Interagency Cooperative Agreement. CDF fire protection will follow established BLM fire management objectives. Private property within State Responsibility Areas (SRA), protected by BLM, will be protected at a level commensurate with CDF wildland protection standards.

B. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NPS Superintendents have full authority and responsibility for the management of the fire programs within their units. Implementation authority and responsibility is delegated to the Chief Ranger within the parks. The Chief Ranger is responsible for managing the fire program within the park and coordinating with the CDD FMO. The Zone FMO reports directly to the Chief Ranger and/or Field Office Manager within their Zone. The Zone FMO is responsible for direct coordination and management of fire activity within their Zone.

C. INTERAGENCY

Zone FMOs with dual agency responsibilities will manage fire programs within their zone regardless of NPS/BLM agency boundaries while adhering to law, policy, philosophy, management guidelines, and/or funding of the agency with administrative jurisdiction. Interagency cooperation is the responsibility of all California Desert management and fire personnel. Under the direction of the Field Office Managers and Park Superintendents, the CDD

FMO, Chief Rangers, Zone FMOs and fire crews will actively support the cooperative program. The CDD FMO will provide fire management for Type I, II, and III incidents or any incident with serious injury or fatality.

D. FIRE MANAGEMENT ZONE OPERATIONS

The California Desert Interagency Fire Management Organization consists of the following fire management zones: (See attachment 2)

- **RIDGECREST FIRE MANGEMENT ZONE**
Ridgecrest Field Office
Death Valley National Park
- **MOJAVE FIRE MANAGEMENT ZONE**
Needles Field Office
Mojave National Preserve
- **JOSHUA TREE FIRE MANAGEMENT ZONE**
Palm Springs Field Office (BLM DPA – Eastern Riverside County)
Joshua Tree National Park
- **BARSTOW FIRE MANAGEMENT ZONE**
Barstow Field Office
- **SOUTH COAST FIRE MANAGEMENT ZONE**
California Department of Forestry DPA. Administrative responsibilities will remain with the FMO for each zone. Planning and suppression activities will be a joint responsibility with the South Coast FMO.

El Centro Field Office
Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Five fire management zones are responsible for the following fire stations:

- **RIDGECREST FIRE MANGEMENT ZONE**
Salt Wells Fire Station
Olancha Fire Station
Furnace Creek Station (Reserve/when staffed)

- **MOJAVE FIRE MANAGEMENT ZONE**
Hole-In-the-Wall Interagency Fire Station

- **JOSHUA TREE FIRE MANAGEMENT ZONE**
Black Rock Interagency Fire Station

- **BARSTOW FIRE MANAGEMENT ZONE**
Apple Valley Fire Center

- **SOUTH COAST FIRE MANAGEMENT ZONE**
Pinyon Interagency Fire Station
Cabazon Interagency Fire Station
South Coast Fuels Module

E. SEAMLESS MANAGEMENT

National Requests for resources received by the Southern California Geographic Area Coordination Center will be coordinated through the Federal Interagency Communications Center (FICC). Local resources will be coordinated through the FICC Area Dispatch Plan, the Staffing and Specific Action Plan for 2005 (see Attachment 3). Resources will be shared utilizing the closest forces concept. The Interagency California Desert Fire Program complies with the guidelines of the Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy which states that Federal agencies will work toward a seamless concept in fire suppression and management.

F. AUTHORITIES AND GUIDING DOCUMENTS

The following documents provide the basis for fire program operations and together constitute the policy, procedures and guidelines for the California Desert Interagency Fire Management Organization.

- 1) Approved BLM Annual Work Plan (yearly)
- 2) BLM Fire Management Plan
- 3) California Mobilization Guide (yearly)
- 4) Desert Staffing and Specific Action Plan (yearly)
- 5) FICC Dispatch Plan (yearly)
- 6) BLM/NPS Aviation Plan
- 7) BLM Fire Prevention Plan

- 8) Fire Station Operating Plans
- 9) BLM 9210 Manual
- 10) Departmental 910 Manual
- 11) WO, NIFC, CSO, NBC Instruction Memoranda
- 12) Various Federal, State, and Local Government Interagency Agreements and Operating Plans
- 13) Wilderness and Wilderness Study Area Fire Management Plans
- 14) BLM Phase I Fire Management Plans
- 15) Park/Preserve/Monument Fire Management Plans
- 16) NPS DO-18, RM-18
- 17) Standards for Fire Operations (yearly)
- 18) National Fire Plan
- 19) 2001 Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy

G. INTERAGENCY OPERATIONS

It is possible to have multi-jurisdictional requirements on an incident to include surface ownership, structural protection/ firefighting, SAR, EMS and law enforcement. The BLM and NPS work under a shared resource concept and therefore have many agency partners and cooperators. There are numerous and sometimes overlapping interagency agreements, operating plans, assistance-by-hire, and exchanges of protection agreements. The BLM/NPS has agreements and initial attack operating plans with

Central California Region
Las Vegas Field Office
Yuma Field Office
CDF Sierra-South Region
Kern County Fire Department
San Bernardino County Fire Department
Los Angeles County Fire Department
San Bernardino National Forest
Cleveland National Forest
Angeles National Forest
Inyo National Forest
Sequoia National Forest
Imperial County Fire Department
Numerous local Fire Districts
Military Reservations
Tribal Lands
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Refuges
Bureau of Indian Affairs
County Sheriff's Departments
Local Law Enforcement Agencies

H. ENGINE ROTATION SCHEDULE

Engine assignments will be determined on a rotation basis by zone. The rotation applies only for assignments outside the CDD/NPS direct protection area (DPA). The rotation schedule will be maintained and submitted to FICC by the CDD FMO and updated as needed from April 1 to October 31. Dispatch will announce the schedule in the morning status announcement. When a resource order occurs, the Zone FMO will be contacted according to the rotation schedule and the 30-minute rule will go into effect (ref. California Mobilization Guide). Engines accepting an off-district assignment must have a minimum staffing level of 4 individuals qualified for their positions. If the first engine cannot take the assignment, the next engine in rotation will be contacted. Decisions regarding availability will be based on the California Mobilization Guide. Rotation information will be discussed during the weekly FMO conference call. All off-district assignments must be 24 hours or longer to effect the rotation.

I. DUTY OFFICER

The Duty Officer is assigned by the Zone FMO or acting Zone FMO and is a qualified individual who operates in a command position to take immediate action or make decisions regarding emergency actions. It is the Duty Officer's responsibility to keep the Zone FMO or acting informed of all actions taken while under emergency operations. During April through October, the Duty Officer is to be in on-call status. This status is defined as non-compensable at regular or overtime rates unless the employee is actually called back to duty. It is time during which the employee may be required to remain within telephone, radio, or electronic paging system contact range but is otherwise free to carry out personal pursuits that do not impair his/her ability to respond effectively if recalled. On-call status includes an assumption that the assigned employee has the freedom of movement to leave the restricted area (CDD boundary) at will by shifting the call back responsibilities to another person. However, if no other person is available to assume on-call responsibilities, the employee may not disregard the conditions established by the supervisor without supervisory approval. When the duty officer who is on call must return to duty, the employee must be compensated for a minimum of two hours at regular or overtime rates as appropriate (reference Interagency Incident Management Handbook, Chapter 19, Sec. Fire Business Management). Minimum qualification standards for Duty Officers are Incident Commander III (ICT3) or Division/Group Supervisor. ICT3 or Division supervisor qualified engine captains may serve as duty officer.

J. FIRE OPERATIONS SPECIALIST

At the request of the Zone FMO, a Fire Operations Specialist is available, through the resource ordering process, to assist and support Zone Operations during large fire activity or to coordinate daily operations as a Duty Officer.

The Fire Operations Specialist may be used to assist the Zone FMO in providing oversight for wildland fire suppression efforts and extended attack as a Type III Incident Commander.

Responsibilities include directing fireline activities using the identified appropriate management response.

K. FIRE OVERHEAD AND EQUIPMENT RESOURCE ORDERS

The Zone FMO or designee will be responsible for filling overhead resource requests through appropriate supervisors. Engines accepting on-district assignments must meet California minimum staffing and qualification levels.

L. AVIATION OPERATIONS

All aviation operations will adhere to the CDD and Park aviation safety plans. Plans will specify contract/request guidelines and FICC coordination role. The fire organization deals only with fire aviation management, and that within the Parks, the Park Aviation Management Officer (who may or may not also be the Park Fire Management Officer) has delegated authority from the Park Superintendents for all aviation management operations.

M. ICS FIRE QUALIFICATIONS

A joint BLM/NPS fire qualifications Red Card and Training Committee will review fire qualifications and make recommendations according to NWCG 310-1 and California Fire Qualifications Standards. The committee will meet twice per year or when necessary to meet critical needs. This committee will consist of the Zone FMOs, CDD FMO, CDD Deputy FMO (Training Officers), South Ops Representative. The committee requires 5 members present to meet and a consensus method will be used for decisions. Members may appoint alternates. This committee will ensure that all personnel engaged in fire suppression will function only in positions commensurate with their Red Card qualifications. The committee will consolidate trainee needs for all zones. Single Resource Boss and above must have committee approval. Red Cards will be approved by appropriate agency authority.

N. MAINTENANCE OF INTERAGENCY FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

The transfer and collection of funds will be done through the BLM/NPS Memorandum of Understanding for California signed in 2001. Maintenance of interagency fire stations will be the responsibility of both NPS and BLM managers. Planning, funding and maintenance will be conducted through cooperative projects.

O. STRUCTURAL FIRE PROTECTION

Structural fire protection, traffic collisions, vehicle fires and medical aids in the wildland/urban interface, is the responsibility of Tribal, State, and local Governments.

P. COMMUNICATIONS

The CDD FMO, Zone FMO, Chief Rangers and Engine Captains will participate in a weekly conference call (1300 hours each Tuesday during fire season only) to promote an exchange of information at all levels of the fire organizations.

Q. ANNUAL UPDATE

This Operating Plan will be updated each year activated by April 1. It can also be at any time with concurrence by all signatories.

2005 California Desert Interagency Fire Operations Plan

Prepared and Submitted
By the California Desert Fire Management Officers

CDD FMO: _____

Barstow Zone FMO: _____

Mojave Zone FMO: _____

Ridgecrest Zone FMO: _____

Joshua Tree Zone FMO: _____

South Coast Zone FMO: _____

2005 California Desert Interagency Fire Operations Plan

Approved by: _____
Superintendent, Joshua Tree National Park

Approved by: _____
Superintendent, Mojave National Preserve

Approved by: _____
Superintendent, Death Valley National Park

Approved by: _____
District Manager, California Desert

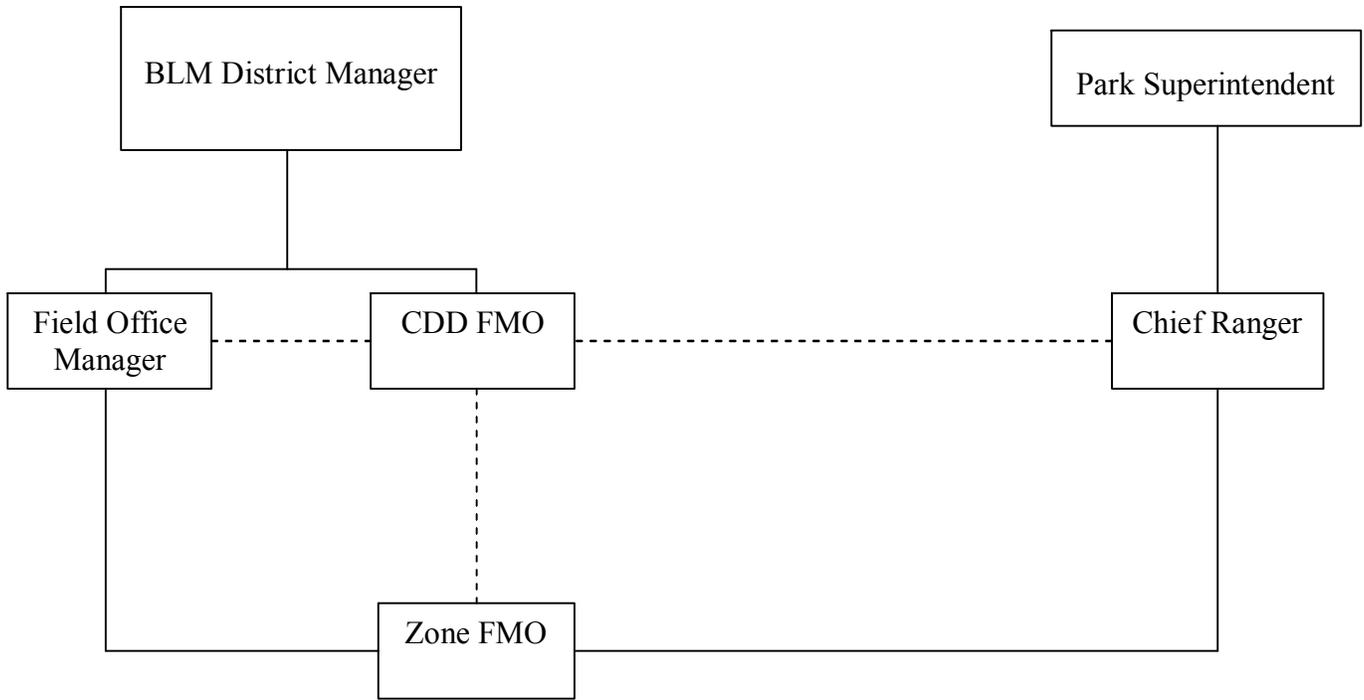
Approved by: _____
Field Office Manger, Ridgecrest

Approved by: _____
Field Office Manger, Palm Springs/South Coast

Approved by: _____
Field Office Manger, El Centro

Approved by: _____
Field Office Manger, Barstow

Approved by: _____
Field Office Manager, Needles



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CA Desert Interagency Fire Management Organization

**STAFFING AND
SPECIFIC ACTION PLAN
CALIFORNIA DESERT
2005**

PREPARED BY ZONE FIRE MANAGEMENT OFFICERS

BARSTOW: _____

MOJAVE: _____

RIDGECREST: _____

JOSHUA TREE: _____

SOUTH COAST: _____

REVIEWED: _____

**DESERT FIRE & AVIATION
MANAGEMENT OFFICER**

STAFFING AND SPECIFIC ACTION PLAN – 2005

INTRODUCTION – USE OF PLAN

The staffing and specific action plan will be used to insure desert-wide uniformity during the strength of force activation period and provide authorization for emergency staffing of personnel identified within the Fire Management Activity Plan (FMAP) and NPS FIREPRO analysis. The actions listed within provide guidance to Managers and the Fire Management Organization. Compliance is expected, however, there is no substitute for sound judgment and good management principles when implementing this plan so that duplication of effort and unnecessary expenditures can be avoided

1. OBJECTIVES

- A. Provide for emergency presuppression actions in accordance with existing laws, regulations, policy, guidelines, and management directives.
- B. Specify authorized and required actions that are allowable and preapproved should conditions require implementation.

2. MANAGEMENT POLICIES

- A. Actual Burning Indexes will be computed and announced daily by the FICC Dispatcher. Evening staffing will be based on calculated afternoon indices.
- B. Predicted Burning Indexes will be used as the basis for the next day's staffing and planning. The FICC Dispatcher will compute the indices. The predicted staffing level should be followed unless the FICC Dispatcher announces a revision or special condition existing.
- C. When one or more large fires are in progress within the Desert, Staffing Level 5 should be used, days off may be canceled. This also applies to multiple fire situations due to lightning concentrations.
- D. Employment of seasonal personnel shall follow the staffing plans established by each agency in the AWP process. Use of Administratively Determined (A.D.) Fire Personnel will occur only under the following conditions and must be approved by the Desert Fire Management Officer or Desert Duty Officer.
 - 1) Presuppression – To complete basic fire suppression training and maintain initial attack organization at approved level.
 - 2) Suppression – Used to support or directly suppress a going wildland fire, mop-up and rehabilitate a controlled fire or to replace initial attack resources committed to another wildland fire incident.

- 3) Post-Suppression – Immediately following extinguishment of a fire, A.D. personnel may be utilized for emergency rehabilitation work where there is an immediate danger of loss of life or property or when prompt remedial action is essential before potentially damaging events occur. Use of A.D. personnel is allowed to restore equipment and supplies to fire ready condition following suppression actions.
- E. The Zone FMO will establish the regular daily tour of duty for each employee and insure a Zone Duty Officer is designated and reported to FICC starting April 1 through October 31.
- F. Days Off – All personnel should have both days off each week unless one or more of the following conditions exist:
- 1) Uncontrolled fires on or a threat to the California Desert District/National Park Service.
 - 2) Strength of Force is depleted by fire assignments and coverage with the remaining resources is not possible.
 - 3) Lightning storms predicted in progress or threatening the District/NPS.
 - 4) A crew is in need of a qualified supervisor.
 - 5) At staffing Level 3, a sixth day work week may be authorized by the Zone Duty Officer based on conditions.
- G. Extended Emergency Staffing – will be authorized under the following conditions:
- 1) Evening emergency staffing will be based on the actual Burning Index (BI) attained that afternoon. Morning emergency staffing will be based on the predicted Burning Index (BI) for the next day. Fire danger weather station readings will be used and a record of area indices will be kept by the FICC Dispatcher. Extended work time may be authorized beginning at Staffing Level 3 and during Red Flag Conditions. Extended staffing shall be a coordinated decision process.
 - 2) Crew Strength
 - a) Engine crews consist of a qualified supervisor, engine operator and trained crew.

Type III engines: are staffed with a crew of five persons. (A minimum of four is allowed for extended staffing and fire assignments)

Type IV engines: are staffed with a crew of three persons. (This is the minimum staffing allowed for extended staffing and fire assignments)

- b) The Helicopter crew will be staffed with a minimum crew of seven persons, including a qualified supervisor and trained personnel. Must meet Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide (IHOG) requirements.

3. LIGHTNING STAFFING PLAN

Lightning occurrence may require modifications to normal staffing based on the Burning Index. All modifications will be coordinated with the Zone Duty Officers. The following guide applies.

- A. When the fire weather report predict lightning with an Actual B.I. of 41 or more, Duty Officers will insure all available fire equipment and resources are properly staffed. Pre-positioning of personnel and equipment is authorized and will be coordinated with the Zone Duty Officer and FICC.
- B. Aerial detection may start and be continued for several days after an actual storm. Detection flights shall be requested by the Zone Duty Officers and coordinated with the CDD Duty Officer and FICC.

4. PRE-SEASON AND POST-SEASON

- A. District/NPS fire stations may need to be staffed during periods of high fire danger. When there is high fire danger, Staffing Level 3, for three consecutive days initial attack staff may be required. Minimum strength will normally be one engine (four people) per station. If upward trend continues, provide for 7-day coverage. The decision to activate will be a coordinated process and will involve the Desert Duty Officer and Zone FMOs at a minimum.
- B. Basic daily tour not to exceed eight hours per work day.
- C. Holiday staffing will be determined by the Burning Index. Actual B.I.'s of 41 or more may qualify. The coordinated decision process will be used.
- D. Finance: Refer to Bureau Manual 9210 and Reference Manual-18 (for guidance on use of presuppression funds, 2810).

5. IN SEASON – (APRIL 1 THROUGH OCTOBER OR LONGER IF FIRE SEVERITY PERSISTS)

The Staffing and Specific Action Guide is designed and intended for use during this time period. All staffing and actions shall be in conformance with this plan.

Staffing Level 3 (High fire danger, with B.I.'s of 41-60), is a transition category that allows flexibility in decision making when implementing authorized actions so that unnecessary expenditures do not occur, i.e., sixth and seventh day work week. (Ref Work-Rest Guidelines)

6. RED FLAG CRITERIA

A. Weather conditions causing the activation of the Red Flag Alert are:

- 1) Desiccating Winds – Santa Ana or Mono Winds

Conditions at Hole-In-the-Wall, Apple Valley and Salt Wells Fire Weather Stations –

Wind – N-NE-E of 25 mph or more

Humidity – 15% or less

Burning Indices – more than 81

- 2) Dry Thunderstorms – (and Intensive Thunderstorms) Thunderstorms that generally produce little or no rain reaching the ground and produce more lightning than showers.
- 3) Relative Humidities – Sustained periods of extremely low humidities, reaching values less than 15% (not necessarily associated with strong winds).

B. The Red Flag Alert Program will normally be implemented in four stages:

- 1) Stage I – FIRE WEATHER WATCH – Usually 48 to 72 hours in advance. No additional staffing.
- 2) Stage II – RED FLAG WARNING – Usually 24 hours in advance. Actual and predicted Burning Indices will govern staffing levels.
- 3) Stage III – RED FLAG ALERT – (Agencies will notify media).

LIMITED – Red Flag conditions exist occurring in somewhat isolated geographical areas of Southern California verified and implemented by the local Officer in charge.

GENERAL – Red Flag conditions exist occurring over a large portion of Southern California verified and implemented by agency Officers in charge.

- 4) Stage IV - CANCELLATION – Red Flag conditions no longer exist, verified and cancellation by agency Officer in charge.
- C. All available Fire Management personnel and equipment may be staggered for 24-hour coverage when a Red Flag Alert is implemented.

DEFINITIONS

- ABNORMAL HUMAN CAUSED: Any 3 day weekend or extended national holiday or opening of a hunting season.
- ACTION AUTHORIZED: The action has been previously authorized or approved by the signing of the staffing and actions guide. Action is authorized but not required. The Zone FMO or FICC Dispatcher may initiate the action. All authorized action resulting in overtime must be approved by the Zone FMO.
- ACTION REQUIRED: No alternative; the action must be initiated unless rare or extraordinary circumstances prohibit. All required overtime must be approved by the Zone FMO.
- CONDITION CLASS: Is the five levels of fire danger, low, medium, high, very high and extreme, as used in the BLM 9210 Manual.
- BURNING INDEX: Corresponds to the 5 conditions classes. Broken into 5 predetermined blocks as directed by the National Fire Danger Rating System, (NFDRS).
- STAFFING LEVEL: The five levels of Staffing that directly relate to the low, medium, high, very high, and extreme, fire danger rating categories delineated on the specific action guide charts. Defines staffing needs by Burning Index and Condition Class.
- SUSPECTED SLEEPERS: The 24-72 hour period after a lightning storm.
- VISIBILITY LESS THAN 5 MILES: A condition which exists when sight reducing agents enter the protection area.

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	1 – Abnormal Human Caused Risk				
	2 – Suspected Lightning Sleepers				
	3 – Visibility Less than 5 Miles				
	4 – Maintain Initial Attack Organization at ICS Minimum Levels.				
	FIRE DANGER RATING, STAFFING LEVEL, B.I.				
	LOW	MODERATE	HIGH	VERY HIGH	EXTREME
	1	2	3	4	5
	0-30	31-40	41-60	61-80	81+

ITEM #	ACTION DESCRIPTION					
1.	Ground detection patrols and prepositioning of resources for early detection in high risk and hazard areas.		X 1 , 2 , 3	X	X	X
2.	Aerial detection patrols of high risk and key hazard areas.					
	a. Holiday weekends & opening of hunting seasons.	X 2	X 1 , 2	X	X	X
	b. During and after thunderstorms	X	X	X	X	X
	c. Red Flag Conditions (Stage III Alert)				X 1 , 2 , 3	X

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1.	Aerial Detection :					
	a. Infrared and regular fixed wing or helicopter patrol of key hazard and risk areas may take place. These should be areas that ground patrols do not cover adequately.			X 1 , 2 , 3	X	X
2.	b. Infrared detection may be approved and conducted periodically to detect the start of wildfire from illegal campfires and other sources.		X 3	X 3	X 3	X 3

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1.	Concentrate prevention efforts in high risk/hazard areas.		X 1 , 2 , 3	X / R1 , 2	R	R
2.	Project work inside response area.		X 1 , 2 , 3	X / R1 , 2	R	R
3.	Special prevention, regulation and enforcement, where legal contract or permit stipulations need to be in conformance with Bureau/NPS policy, i.e., special use permits (off-road events), industrial and construction projects, Closure and Restriction Plan.			X	R	R
4.	Evening staffing permitted.			X 1 , 2 , 3	X	X
5.	Sixth day work week permitted.			X 1 , 2 , 3	X / R1	X / R1

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1.	Holiday weekends and opening of hunting seasons:					
	a. Prevention personnel should initiate user contacts in high risk/hazard areas.			X 1	X	R
	b. Organize cooperative patrol efforts with other agencies.				X	R
	c. FICC dispatcher will advise Duty Officers of weather conditions/forecasts, (including Red Flag Stages).	X	X	R	R	R
	d. Review criteria in Restricted Use and Fire Closure Plan for possible activation.			X	X	R

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1.	Minimum staffing and draw down levels maintained. (1-Type 3 Engine per Zone)				R	R	R
2.	Watertenders placed in fire readiness.				R	R	R
3.	Aircraft availability:						
	a. Helicopter				R	R	R
	b. Fixed wing				X	X	X
4.	Engine/Watertenders:						
	a. Continuous radio contact maintained.				R	R	R
	b. Advise Duty Officer of apparatus breakdown.				R	R	R
5.	Personnel/Equipment prepositioning at specified locations.				X	X	X / R1 , 2

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	FIRE DANGER RATING, STAFFING LEVEL, B.I.				
	LOW	MODERATE	HIGH	VERY HIGH	EXTREME
	1	2	3	4	5
	0-30	31-40	41-60	61-80	81+

ITEM #	ACTION DESCRIPTION					
6.	Initial attack crews available within response area and within 5 minutes of good access route.			R	R	R
7.	Initial attack crews assigned project work, within 15 minutes of response area.	X	X			
8.	Sixth day work week permitted.	X 4	X 4	X1, 2, 3, 4	X	X
9.	Evening staffing permitted			X 1, 2, 3	X	X

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1.	Red Flag Alert Program: a. FICC dispatcher will advise on stage implementation. Staffing will be authorized per Red Flag Criteria (see 7.B.C). b. Initial attack resources will be staffed at minimum levels for extended coverage.	X	X	R	R	R
				X	X	X

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ITEM #	ACTION DESCRIPTION					
1.	Supervisory and Facilitating (Duty Officers): Desert Fire Management Officer, Zone Fire Management Officers, and Type III Incident Commanders (ICT3)/Division Supervisors					
	a. Continuous Communication – Duty Hours.	R	R	R	R	R
	b. Advise Desert Duty Officer and FICC of apparatus breakdown.	R	R	R	R	R
	c. ITC available within response area during duty hours.	X	R	R	R	R

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	d. Zone Duty Officer available within 2-hours and within the California Desert District.	R	R	R	R	R
	e. Extended staffing permitted.			X 1, 2, 3	X	X
	f. Sixth day work week permitted.			X 1, 2, 3	X	X
	g. In-Season Holidays: Memorial Day, July Fourth, Labor Day and Columbus Day.	X 1, 2, 4	X	X	R	R

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1.	Red Flag Alert Program: a. FICC dispatcher will alert the Desert FMO, Zones, local cooperators and all others concerned in accordance with the red flag alert notification procedures guide (MACS 410-3). Staffing will be authorized in accordance with Red Flag Criteria, (7.B. & C.) and as established in this plan. b. Desert and Zone FMOs/Duty Officers on duty.	X	X	R	R	R
				X	X	X

