

Appendix D

Agency Administrator/Bureau Representative Briefing to Incident Management Team

Briefing Package for Incident Management Teams

The purpose of this template is to provide a format and content outline for the host unit to use when briefing an incident management team (IMT). Some items will not be relevant to some units; delete or add additional information as needed. An optional outline is included for those units that would like to use WFDSS to conduct the IMT briefing.

Overview for ALL Team Members

- Introduction – Agency Administrator/Bureau Representative
 - Other Agencies and Cooperators
- Objectives and Course of Action – Agency Administrator/Bureau Representative and/or Unit Fire Chief/Fire Management Officer (FMO) (Use the Wildland Fire Decision Support System [WFDSS], as needed.)
 - Objectives Tab – Incident Objectives and Incident Requirements
 - Course of Action Tab – Overview of Strategic Direction
- Situational Update – Assigned Incident Commander (IC) or Unit Fire Chief/FMO. Use the WFDSS as needed.
 - Fire Start Date and Cause
 - Situation Tab – Situational Overview
 - Analysis
 - Short-term, Near-term, and FSPro
 - Fire Environment and Safety
 - Est Ground Evacuation
 - Retardant Avoidance
 - Disturbance History (in the area)
 - Historical Fires
 - Fuel Treatments
 - Fire Weather and Danger
 - Significant Fire Potential – Predictive Services
 - RAWS stations
 - Local Fire Environment Information (Fire Weather, Fire Behavior) – Localized Anomalies, Terrain Influences, Weather Patterns or Fire Behavior, Current and Predicted Fire Weather/Fire Behavior
 - Boundaries
 - Responsible/Jurisdictional Boundaries
 - Federal Boundaries
 - County
 - Designated Areas
 - Wilderness/Potential Wilderness
 - Special Designation
 - BLM – oil/gas/range/horse and burro
 - Infrastructure
 - Facilities
 - Communication
 - Energy
 - Roads and Trails
 - Natural and Cultural Resources
 - Air Quality
 - Critical Habitat
 - Other Considerations to Include:
 - Current Planning Area in Published Decision
 - Values at Risk – Or Other Considerations That Are Not In WFDSS
 - Resource Benefits – Explain Where Fire Is Beneficial on The Landscape
 - Assessment Tab – Current Risks and Potential Benefits (use WFDSS as needed.)
 - Risk and Complexity Analysis
 - Benefits of Fire on This Landscape (Type of Fire, Where, When)

- Decision and Costs – Agency Administrator or Unit Fire Chief/FMO (Use WFDSS, as needed.)
 - Cost Tab – Outline Cost Thresholds for Current Decision
 - Decision Tab – Review the Rationale of the Agency Administrator
- Local Concerns – Agency Administrator/Bureau Representative and Unit Fire Chief/FMO
 - Environmental, Social, Political, Economic
 - Law Enforcement or Investigations, If Applicable
 - Area Closures – Potential Impacts to Local Income, Outfitter Guides, Etc.
 - Initial Attack Responsibilities
 - Training Responsibilities – Inclusion of Local and Geographic Area Priority Trainees
- Incoming IC Comments
- Closing Remarks – Agency Administrator/Bureau Representative and Unit Fire Chief/FMO
 - Key Points from Leader’s Intent
 - Breakout Group Meetings to Follow

Breakout Groups

Incident Commander

Written Package	Oral Briefing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current and expected weather, fire behavior and fire danger • Delegation of authority • Leader’s intent • WFDSS decision document • Contact list • ICS-209 • IAP and map • Closure orders • Local wildfire guidance documentation • Heavy equipment policy • Medical evacuation protocol • Coordination of hazardous materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up daily coordination calls between IC, agency administrator/bureau representative, (include others as needed) • Financial considerations/limitations • Other coordination expectations, such as adjoining agencies, Tribal consultation, elected officials • Local resource concerns (anadromous fish, cultural sites, timber, invasive species, etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resource advisor • Other incidents/incident management teams (IMTs) in the area or geographic area • Hazardous materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Unexploded ordnances, asbestos, mining contaminants, etc.

Information

Written Package	Oral Briefing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact list information (phone number, roles, etc.) for appropriate agencies, elected officials, business leaders • Daily updates email list • Template for press releases • Local media contacts • Media guide • Joint Information Center (JIC) contact numbers • Local unit public information plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If JIC activated, how the IMT will interact • Expectations of public meetings, or coordinated outreach from the IMT • Public information plan within 24 hours

Operations

Written Package	Oral Briefing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WFDSS decision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Management action point (MAP) ○ Course of action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather/fire danger information • Fire behavior models and predictions • Management action points

Written Package	Oral Briefing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire department contacts/resource list/availability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide structure protection guidance (as relative unit and adjoining ownership as needed) ○ Evacuation plans and trigger points ○ Structure protection guidance • Contact list • Resource orders/resource list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outgoing IC/Operations resource list – what is on order, what is assigned to the fire currently, what still needs to be ordered • Area maps/geospatial PDF map of fire area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Unit frequencies and repeater map ○ Retardant avoidance maps ○ Structure inventory data/maps ○ Values at risk maps if different than what is in WFDSS • Unit aviation briefing guide • Suppression rehabilitation plan • Mop up or rehabilitation standards/guidance • Turn back standards • Heavy equipment policy • Medical evacuation protocol • Unit identified hazards and potential mitigations (e.g., working in grizzly bear habitat, mining hazards, asbestos contaminated areas) • Coordination of hazardous materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trigger points or evaluation lines for tactical operations ○ Natural barriers • Structure protection guidance (overview from local perspective) • Spike camp vs. crew shuttle • Dozer line placement restrictions, recommendations, and requirements • Known structures with protection expectations • Initial attack responsibilities and procedures • Rehabilitation standards or expectations • Unit-identified hazards and potential mitigations (e.g., working in grizzly bear habitat, mining hazards, asbestos contaminated areas)

Air Operations

Written Package	Oral Briefing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aviation briefing guidance • Geographic area and local frequency guides • TFR maps • Frequency maps • Aviation hazard map • Unit helibase map • Retardant avoidance maps • Available aviation resources (on order and on loan) • Local airports and airstrips • Contact list (local air operations personnel and phone numbers) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tactical resources (smokejumpers, agency administrator, airtankers) ordering process • Helibase locations used in the past • Fuel – stationary and mobile • Helibase areas (proximity to fire) • Communication limitations • Helicopters available locally • Local weather issues (e.g., wind, smoke) • Restricted Areas (military, local flight paths, HARP, clear radar) • Known hazards • Housing for pilots • Retardant status • TFR • Retardant or water usage reporting requirements

Safety

Written Package	Oral Briefing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Medical Field Evacuation Plan • Serious Accident and Incident Within the Incident Plan • Burn care facilities list • Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Guidelines for Fire Management information sheet • CISM request form • Wildland Fire Fatality and Entrapment Initial Report, PMS 405-1 • Memorandum of Agreement between Department of Agriculture FS and DOI • Unit identified hazards and potential mitigations (e.g., working in grizzly bear habitat, mining hazards, asbestos contaminated areas) • Completed ICS-206 for area • Contact list 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accidents to date • Unit identified hazards (e.g., unexploded ordnances, bear baiting stations, mines, snag patches, extremely rough terrain, etc.) • Unit protocol for communication of varying degrees of accidents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What level of notification does the agency administrator want? • Local medical plans, hospital locations, etc.

Finance Section (Could be combined with Logistics)

Written Package	Oral Briefing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit incident business operating guidelines • Contracts and agreements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ List of all current agreements including land use agreements, fuel agreements, local purchase, equipment/resources agreements ○ Cell phone carrier information ○ Cost share agreements ○ Fire department cooperative fire agreements ○ Weed washing stations contract options • Compensation/claims requirements and contacts (hospital liaison) • Fiscal limitations and constraints • Identify incident business advisor (INBA) and contracting officer(s) • Procurement support • Contact list 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of local/cooperator agreements

Logistics Section

Written Package	Oral Briefing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident map <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Incident command post (ICP) camp locations – map ○ Drop points • Contracts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cell phone carrier information ○ Weed washing stations contract options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical information for the area – protocol • Availability of caterer or local restaurants for IMT/crews • Communication recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cell phone coverage (carriers)

Written Package	Oral Briefing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit frequencies and repeater map • Medical information for area • Expanded dispatch highlights • Agreements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ List of all current agreements including land use agreement, fuel agreements, local purchase, equipment/resources agreements • Contact list 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource ordering – Interagency Resource Ordering Capability (IROC) access and orders • Known ground support issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rental car/vehicle availability • ICP/camp site recommendations (used in past) • Discussion of agreements

Planning Section

Written Package	Oral Briefing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegation of authority • Leader's intent • WFDSS decision • 209/IAP email list • GIS contacts • ICS-209 • Resource list (IROC orders) • Weather, fire danger and current fuel moistures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contacts for these products – local weather office, fuels specialist, etc. ○ Current spot weather forecast • Initial map and IAP • IROC orders/resource list • Contact list • Specific wildfire guidance documentation • Remote Automatic Weather System (RAWS) ordering • Infrared (IR) availability/ordering • Final product expectations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Narrative/executive summary (IMT) ○ Transition Plan (IMT) ○ Demobilization Plan (IMT/expanded dispatch) ○ Maps (IMT) ○ Documentation (IMT) – number of packages required ○ Hard drive (IMT) ○ Rehabilitation Plan (Area) ○ Evacuation Plan (Local) ○ Structure Protection Plan (Area/IMT) ○ Known sites update (IMT/Area) • Electronic data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FTP site posting directions or information repository (IMT hard drive) ○ GIS data ○ Known sites template 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WFDSS documentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Modeling support/products • ICS-209 deadlines, protocols for complexities, limited fires, etc. • Training responsibilities

Contacts

Unit Name _____

Area	Name	Job Title	Work Phone #	Alternate #
Agency Administrator USWFS/FS		Agency Administrator Geographic Area Fire Chief Unit Fire Chief		
Bureau Representative		BIA/BLM/NPS/FWS Bureau Representative		
		BIA/BLM/NPS/FWS Bureau Representative		
		Executive Assistant		
Fire Management		Fire Management Officer - FS		
		Aviation Officer		
		Dispatch Center Manager		
		Asst. Dispatch Center Manager		
		Initial Attack Dispatcher		
Administrative Representative		Incident Business Specialist		
Unit Claims Liaison		Budget Officer		
Resource Advisor		Biologist		
Archeologist		Archeologist		
Public Information		Public Affairs Officer		
Safety		Safety Officer		
Law Enforcement		Patrol Captain		
Vehicles/Fleet		Fleet Manager		
Information Systems		GIS Coordinator		
		Web Manager		
Hazmat Coordinator		Engineer		
D1		District Ranger		
		Fire Management Officer		
		Office Manager		
Priority Trainee Program		GATR		

Potential contacts include acquisition management (i.e., contracting specialists, purchasing agency, contracting officers, grants, and agreements); union representatives; human resources management (e.g., OWCP contacts); IT information (i.e., IROC/e-ISuite, customer help desk for agencies involved).

Geographic Area and Interagency

Potential contacts may include hospital liaison(s), incident business coordinator and procurement support coordinator, regional contracting specialist (VIPR), regional contractor liaison, State Department of Transportation, State troopers, State land office area manager, local law enforcement, electric/power company, etc.