

## South Central Oregon Task Force

**PURPOSE & NEED:** Supplement employee experience and knowledge by establishing a “zone task force”. Currently it is difficult for employees and organizations to build leadership and qualifications beyond the single resource leader level. We need more strike team and task force leaders. Increasing the opportunity for individuals and resources for such experiences is the goal. The knowledge and skills learned from such assignments is valuable towards individual and organizational development. A task force composed of well trained professional firefighters will provide for much needed regional and national wildland fire support. We provide the needed support, while providing our employees the opportunities to learn and develop.

**INTENT:** The intent of this agreement is to organize the mobilization of firefighting resources on wildland fires outside our interagency zone in a task force configuration.

- LIFC will serve as the host dispatch center and will be responsible for communicating task force status to NWCC. The host dispatch center will ensure that resources and leadership are available to provide for a task force prior to making it available. The draw down level and local fire activity will also determine the availability of the task force.
- When resources are available, LIFC will provide three resources for the task force and KIFC will provide two. The standard of three from LIFC and two from KIFC is based on a representation of the pool of resources they have and are responsible for. LIFC area has more engines than does KIFC; therefore, LIFC should provide more resources for the task force. This standard is subject to availability. It can and should be negotiated when flexibility is needed due to a lack of resources available to comfortably provide the standard.
- The engine rotation will be used to provide the resources for the task force. Just like a single resource order, the resources filling the task force order will be selected from the rotation list and must be able to provide for any stipulations specified in the order.
- The Eastern Oregon Task Force commitment will be the priority. Our area must be able to provide for this commitment first. If we can provide for the Eastern Oregon Task Force and have the resources and leadership to provide for our own “zone” task force then it will be available.
- Resources that are available in ROSS will fill orders on a first come first serve basis. Single resource orders will not be turned down to keep five resources available for the task force. Simply stated, we will fill any and all orders until we cannot provide for an order. If we cannot provide five resources after single resources orders are filled, the task force will not be available. If we have only five resources available and a task force order is placed we will fill the order and will not have any available for single resource assignments.

- The task force leader and trainee cannot be attached to an engine filling the order.
- Both the task force leader and resources must be available prior to calling NWCC to status our “zone” task force as available.
- LIFC and KIFC will rotate who provides the task force leader by assignment/mobilization when personnel are available to do so.
- Every effort will be made to attach a trainee each time the task force is mobilized. The trainee will be selected by availability and by priority. The employees targeted as priority for such trainee assignments will be selected. A trainee can be either a TFLD or STEN trainee.
- Unit duty officers will make resources and overhead available by using REBOL. The task force leader and trainee availability for the “zone” task force will be noted in the comments section of REBOL.
- Once an order is filled the task force leader will be responsible for planning travel and mobilization to the incident.