

DAILY ACTION PLAN

Southwest Montana Area Command

SW Montana Area Command was established to manage the following fires:

Liberty (Rohrer IMT2)
Lolo Peak (Livingston IMT1)
Rice Ridge (Goldman IMT2)
Sapphire Complex (Pearson IMT2)
Sunrise and Burdette (Turman IMT1)

KEY VALUES across the Area Command include: Life 1st, Coordination and Communication.



Area Command Team 1
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<https://gacc.nifc.gov/act> (Look under Currently Assigned)

Area Command Strategic Goals:

- Understand, support, and address AA issues and concerns;
- Provide strategic oversight and direction to IMTs/incidents;
- Prioritize incidents for resource allocation, coordinate resource needs, and as needed re-allocate resources on a task-specific, time-sensitive basis;
- Facilitate a coordinated information strategy and delivery;
- Recommend ordering, deployment and redeployment of IMTs as required, conduct in-briefs and close-outs, and provide IC/IMT evaluations upon demob
- Make decisions and/or recommend actions in transparent manner; and continuously and clearly communicate with AA's and IMT's.

Leaders Intent Area Command Team 1

I will do my best to live up to these values as well; I encourage each of you to hold me accountable.

- We are being requested because the agency(s) we work for really need our expertise and we are there to provide those services to the best of our ability.
- If there were no firefighters or IMT's, we'd be out of work; they are our customers as well.
- Relationships with the agency administrators, IMT's, expanded, external stakeholders, NMAC, NICC, Geographic Area and GA MAC are critical, we may have disagreements but those relationships will remain solid; people depend upon us to provide both solutions and alternatives. **Coordination and Communication.**
- Avoid the hierarchical "us vs. them" thesis with IMT's. My intent is for those IMT's to embrace the notion that collectively, we are part and parcel of a complex environment that requires good communications and teamwork.
- There is a good reason that ACT's don't carry OSC's. Our role is mindful strategic thinking and delivery.
- We do not create unnecessary work for IMT's, expanded dispatch or the agencies.
- We are not selling Area Command Teams; we are providing value added services during the most complex incident management environment, which likely will result in institutional learning and the value of these services.
- Humble, quiet professionalism; ceremonial chest pounding in public always defeats the first three words of this sentence.
- If I ever go to a fire and don't learn something, I'm done. Learning comes from everywhere.
- Each of us will be accountable for actions and decisions, if either have unintended outcomes, own it, no excuses.
- Seek to understand before being understood.
- Remember, often times the last thing we do with/for/to someone is what is remembered.
- Implementing this leaders intent does not preclude laughter, a good sense of humor, enjoying our work, camaraderie and pride of accomplishments.
- The most valuable resource to be protected is human life; we will use decision support information so we understand those risks. **Life First.**

Roles and responsibilities of Area Command:

- Ensure that activities are coordinated within the framework of pertinent laws, agency policies, and direction provided in the Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) and by Agency Administrator (AA) direction
- Prioritize fires based on Geographic Area Multi-Agency Coordinating (MAC) Group objectives
- Coordinate with all governmental entities
- Allocate critical resources between incident
- Reconcile issues between two or more agency administrators
- Respond to Geographic Area needs for redistribution of resources
- Coordinate demobilization and transitions.

Area Command Management Philosophies:

- Equal authority for Area Commander and Assistant Area Commanders;
- Operate on a strategic basis only; do not become involved with incident suppression operations or tactics;
- Act as facilitators, strategic priority setters;
- Keep the agency administrators informed and involved;
- Do not place excessive demands on IC's or their staffs;
- Set priorities for critical resources by incident based on values at risk;
- Maximize effectiveness by using the person with the highest chance of success dealing with IC's, agencies, and local problems;
- Keep it simple, safe, and cost effective.

Aviation Expectations

1. Clear and frequent communications are critical to aviation and ground safety. A daily conference call is conducted between IMT's and Area Command to facilitate communications, situational updates, Resource Status, (use & needs), Risk Management/Safecomms, issues and Demobilization are topics covered during the call.
2. If a team is considering ordering any unusual aviation asset, or is considering conducting large/complex aerial ignition operations, or large or sustained crew shuttle operations, the team will inform Area Command Aviation, in advance.
3. All filled aircraft orders and potential demob of aircraft will be communicated by Dispatch to the Area Command Aviation Coordinator, in the event of a change in incident priorities or redistribution of aircraft.

Area Command Daily Schedule

0700	AC coordination/Team Meeting
0900	IC Zone Call
0900	Aviation Call
1000	Logistics Call
1100	AC/AA call
1400	PIO Call
1700	Regional IC/AC Conference Call
1730	AC coordination/Team Meeting
1800	Geographical MAC Call
1900	Planned end of day for AC

AC Incident Priority and allocation of critical resources – August 16, 2017

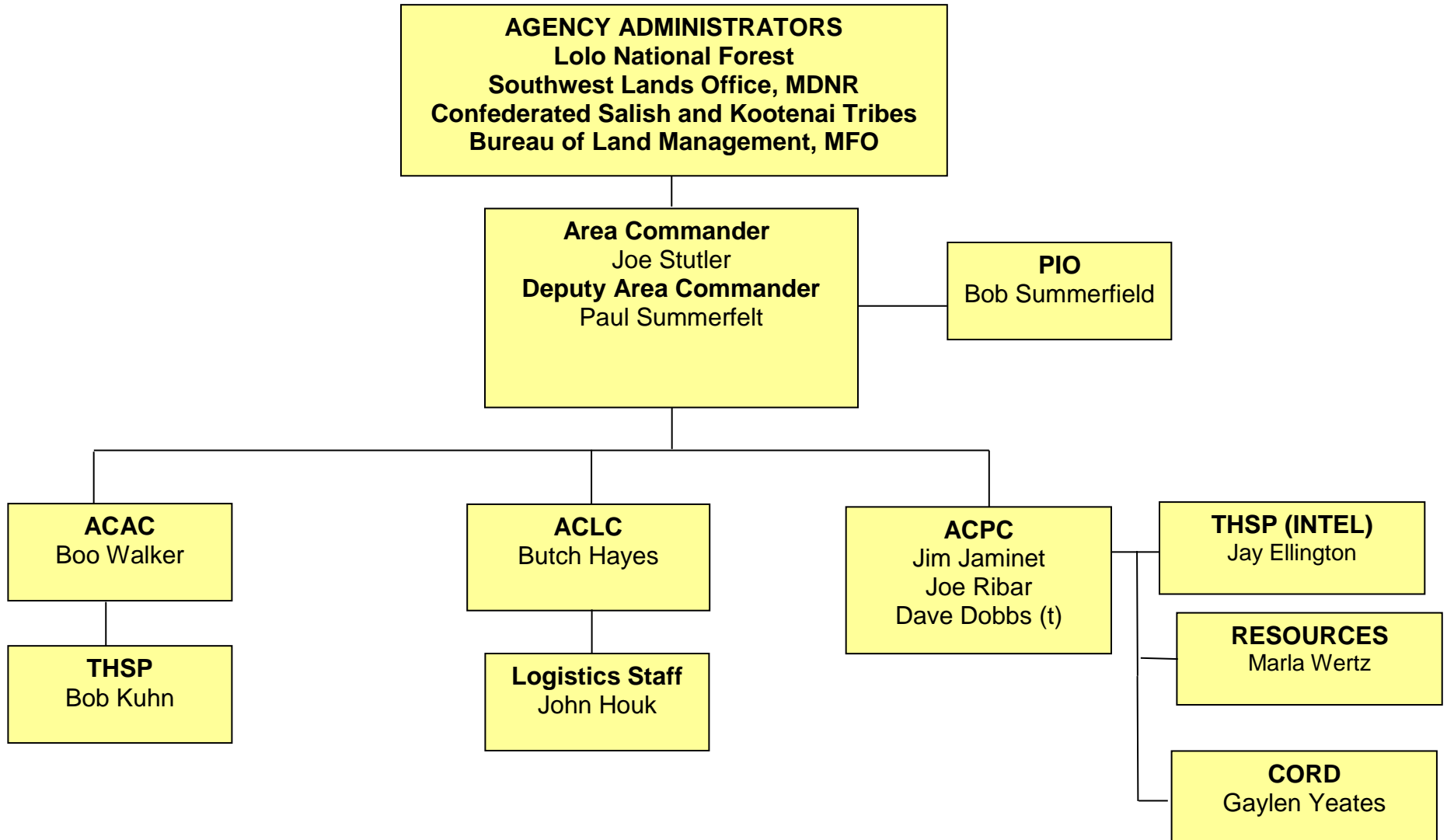
	Rice Ridge Goldman	Lolo Peak Livingston	Sunrise Turman	Sapphire Complex Pearson	Liberty Rohrer	Burdette Turman	Total orders in ROSS @0630
AC Priorities	1	2	3	4	5	6	
IHC		1 st	2 nd				2
T2IA		1 st	2 nd ,5 th ,8 th	3 rd , 6 th	4 th , 7 th		8
DIVS			1 st , 4 th ,7 th	2 nd , 5 th	3 rd , 6 th ,8 th		8
HEQB		1 st , 3-10			2 nd		9
TFLD		1 st ,5 th ,9 th 13 th ,17 th 19 th	2 nd ,6 th ,10 th 14 th	3 rd ,7 th ,11 th 15 th ,18 th ,20 th ,21 st	4 th ,8 th ,12 th 16 th		21

Definition: A critical resource is a common unfilled resource order from more than one IMT.

Area Command 209 Summary – August 16, 2017 @ 1800 hrs

Incident Name	Unit(s)	IMT	Acres To Date	% Contained or Completed	Expected Containment Date	Costs To Date (in millions)	Number of Structures Threatened	# Structures Lost	Strategy	Strategy %	AC Priority
Rice Ridge	LNF	Steve Goldman	11,754	61%	10/1/17	11.5	1090	0	Full Suppression Confine Point Zone Protection Monitor	13 29 3 55	1
Lolo Peak	LNF & BNF	Noel Livingston	10,363	0%	10/1/17	15.9	302	0	Full Suppression	100	2
Sunrise	LNF	Doug Turman	21,482	30%	9/30/17	18.8	377	0	Point Zone Protection Confine	40 60	3
Sapphire Complex Goat CRK, Sliderock & Little Hog Back	LNF & BNF	Shawn Pearson	30,401	42%	10/31/17	20.1	185	1			4
Liberty	BIA & LNF	Taiga Rohrer	5100	90%	9/25/17	8.2	1	0	Monitor Full Suppression Confine	20 10 70	5
Burdette	LNF	Doug Turman	649	70%	9/30/17	1.2	0	0	Full Suppression	100	6

SW Montana Area Command Organization



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SOUTHWEST MONTANA AREA COMMAND

Daily Aviation Plan

Area Command Team 1 (Stutler)

08/16/2017

Safety Message

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“Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.” – Plato

Aviation Objectives

- Provide for aviator, firefighter and public safety
- Ensure well-coordinated communications between complexes, IA and GACC Centers
- Use aircraft effectively and efficiently while minimizing costs
- The sharing of aircraft between incidents will continue

General Information

- Area Command Post is in Missoula MT.

The ACT 2 (Sexton) in-brief will be conducted at 1500 on Wednesday August 16 at the Lolo National Forest Headquarters Office in the Grand Fir/Ponderosa Conference Room (second floor).

Safety

- Practice SEE AND AVOID and announce your intentions.
- Smoke conditions will continue to hamper safe operations.
- Adhere to Fire Traffic protocols.
- Visibility- FAR 91.155 - MAINTAIN VFR MINIMUMS, FOR THE CLASS OF AIRSPACE.
- Refer to current NOTAMs for airspace and TFR changes.
- Monitor Pilot and ATGS fatigue.

New Orders

- New orders for personnel will need 48 hour lead time.
- New Aircraft orders will need 24 hour lead time for Helicopters and Air Tactical Platforms.

Aircraft Summary

ASSIGNMENT	FIXED WING				HELICOPTERS						TOTAL	
	Air Attack		Misc.		Type 1		Type 2		Type 3		Have	Need
By Priority for Allocation	Have	Need	Have	Need	Have	Need	Have	Need	Have	Need		
Rice Ridge	1				3				1		5	
Burdette / Sunrise	1				2	1	2		3		8	1
Lolo Peak	3				3				2		8	0
Sapphire Complex	2				2		2		2		8	1
Liberty	2				0	1			0	1	2	2
TOTALS	9				10	2	4	1	8	1	31	3
Fixed wing Total	9		Fixed wing needed			0	Remarks: II					
Rotor wing Total	22		Rotor wing needed			5						
Total Aircraft	31		Total Aircraft needed			5						

Critical Personnel Resources

Incident	Needed	Position	Priority
Sunrise	8/16	HEB1	1
Lolo Peak	8/19	HEB1	2

TFR Information

TFR Information		
<u>WARNING CHECK FOR CHANGES BEFORE FLIGHT</u>		
Incident	Number	Notes
Burdette	NO TFR	
Liberty	7/2124	
Lolo Peak	7/5771	
Rice Ridge	7/9440	
Sapphire Complex	7/5131	
Sunrise	7/5269	

Aircraft Inventory

TYPE	N NUMBER	TYPE A/C	CATEGORY	LOCATION	REMARKS
Rice Ridge					
I	303AJ	CH-47D	Restricted	Mission	MT-LNF-001464 A-23
I	760HT	S-61N	Restricted	Mission	MT-LNF-001464 A-67
I	472CH	CH-47D	Restricted	Ronan	MT-LNF-001464 A-79
III	614HH	AS350 B3		Seeley Airstrip	MT-LNF-001464 A-47
FW	351SA	AC500-S		Missoula	MT-LNF-001464 A-39
Sunrise – Burdette					
I	161CG	S-61	Restricted	Missoula	MT-LNF001336 A-30
I	401AJ	CH-47D	Restricted	Superior	MT-LNF001336 A-62
II	143SP	UH1H	Restricted	Superior	MT-LNF001336 A-43
II	2773H	B205++		Superior	MT-LNF001336 A-39
III	49MA	B206L4		Superior	MT-LNF001336 A-81
III	102RF	AS350 B3		Superior	MT-LNF001336 A-91
III	684H	B407		Superior	MT-LNF001336 A-20
FW	95AR	AC500-S		Missoula	MT-LNF001336 A-85
Lolo Peak					
I	184CH	BV-107	Restricted	Stevensville	MT-LNF-001288 A-22
I	246CH	BV-234	Restricted	Stevensville	MT-LNF-001288 A-43
I	949CH	CH-47D	Restricted	Stevensville	MT-LNF-001288 A-67
III	538TD	B206L4		Stevensville	MT-LNF-001288 A-21
III	173BH	AS350-B3		Stevensville	MT-LNF-001288 A-64
FW	112AA	AC500B		Missoula	MT-LNF-001288 A-07
FW	7901Q	C-401		Missoula	MT-LNF-001288 A-71
FW	44NC	AC690B		Missoula	MT-LNF-001288 A-76
Sapphire					
I	116	K-1200	Restricted	Stevensville	MT-LNF-001463 A-07
I	802PJ	UH60A	Restricted	Stevensville	MT-LNF-001463 A-17
II	80NH	UH1H	Restricted	Stevensville	MT-LNF-001239 A-16
II	111DR	UH1H	Restricted	Stevensville	TBD From Rice Ridge
III	352TA	AS350 B3		Stevensville	MT-LNF-001463 A-37
III	407MC	B407		Stevensville	MT-LNF-001463 A-03
FW	255	C337G		Missoula	MT-LNF-001463 A-45
FW	500FT	AC500-B		Missoula	MT-LNF-001463 A-20
Liberty					
FW	1564L	BE-58		Missoula	MT-FHA-000105 A-10
FW	578WY	AC500-S		Missoula	MT-FHA-000105 A-49

Demobilization Strategy

- Area Command Aviation Coordinator will coordinate demob aviation resource reassignment within the delegation of incidents based on the daily incident priority needs.
- Reassignment of aviation resources will be coordinated with the releasing and receiving dispatch offices in conjunction with the Aviation Coordinator.
- Resources (aircraft and modules) will be released from zone incidents only when authorized by Area Command.
- All "O" orders (Helicopter Modules/Single Resources) assigned to aircraft, must demob through Expanded Dispatch Overhead Desk. The Aircraft Desk in Dispatch will coordinate with Expanded Dispatch Overhead to ensure married up units are not separated until reassignment orders are evaluated.

Guidelines for Demobilization

- Prepare and provide Area Command with a ramp down schedule.
- Notification period of 24 hours is required for tentative releases on aircraft and single resource modules to Area Command, Aviation. Final notification of firm release orders will be sent to AC, 12 hours prior to release.
- Standard **IHOG Demob Information Sheet** will be submitted with each confirmed release to Area Command, Aviation.

Release Priority

- Local IA Aircraft
- In-area Exclusive Use helicopters to home units for initial attack
- Out-of-area exclusive use initial attack helicopters needed by home unit
- Out-of-area CWN helicopters
- In-area CWN helicopters

Demobilization Criteria

- Cost
- Effectiveness for meeting projected incident mission parameters
- Projected maintenance schedules
- Availability for reassignment based on 14 day policies

ACAC Conference Call – will tag onto the end of the Regional call

Discussion Points:

- Resource Status (use and needs)
- Critical needs; aircraft / management, lend lease

Initial Attack Responsibilities

On Forest Service Responsibility Lands- The Forest or District will make initial attack on the ground with resources. They will coordinate with the fire on use of aerial resources. Ingress of aerial resources will be cleared into the TFR by ATGS.

On Montana State Responsibility Lands- The Incident Management Team will conduct initial attack with ground and air resources on all new fire starts within the assigned TFR.

Area Command Aviation Directory

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Liberty	Bill Hayes	AOBD	435-621-3061	Billhayes241@gmail.com
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Lolo Peak	John McKee	ASGS	406-370-7028	jmkee@fs.fed.us
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Rice Ridge	Chad Runyan	ASGS-T	218-343-9317	carunyan@fs.fed.us
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Sapphire Complex	Scott Robinson	ASGS	208-661-7695	scottsoriole@q.com
Conference Call				
Type	Time	Number	Pass code	Frequency
Regional Conference Call	0900	888-844-9904	2570809#	Daily
Other				
Position	Name	Cell	Office	E-Mail
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