

Appendix C – Mutual Aid Agreements—Annual Fire Operating Plan for Moffat County

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I. PLAN APPROVALS

This plan will remain in effect until superseded by following years. Participating agencies will meet prior to fire season each year to review and update this plan for official approval.

Agencies approving the continuation of this agreement through May 1, 2005:

_____	_____	_____
Moffat County Commissioners	Date	
_____	_____	_____
Moffat County Sheriff	Date	
_____	_____	_____
CSFS District Forester	Date	
_____	_____	_____
Forest Supervisor, Medicine Bow-Routt NF	Date	
_____	_____	_____
Little Snake Field Office Manager	Date	
_____	_____	_____
Superintendent, Dinosaur National Monument	Date	
_____	_____	_____
Manager, Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge	Date	

II. JURISDICTIONS

Jurisdictional boundary lines for USFS, BLM, NPS, and Moffat County (private and state) lands are as shown on the BLM (1/2" = 1 mile) map.

III. AUTHORITY

\*\*\* This plan fulfills requirements in the latest Interagency Cooperative Fire Agreement between the State of Colorado and the USDA Forest Service, USDI National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Fish and Wildlife Service.

This plan fulfills Article I.2. of the Emergency Fund Contract for Forest and Watershed Fire Control between the State of Colorado and Moffat County and becomes Attachment B of that agreement. \*\*\*

IV. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Annual Fire Operating Plan (AOP) is to set forth standard operating procedures, agreed upon policies, and responsibilities to implement cooperative wildfire protection on all lands within Moffat County.

Participants in this AOP consist of the following:

Moffat County Sheriff, in behalf of the County and FPD's  
Moffat County Board of County Commissioners  
Hahns Peak District of the Medicine Bow-Routt NF (USFS)  
Craig Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
Meeker Field Office of the BLM  
Dinosaur National Monument (NPS)  
Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge (BPR)  
Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS)

All participants of this plan agree to coordinate their wildfire protection activities as outlined herein.

V. DEFINITIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS OF:

A. FIRE PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITIES

Each jurisdictional agency has ultimate responsibility for wildland fire protection on its own lands. The Sheriff is responsible for fire protection on all non-federal lands in Moffat County, not incorporated in a fire protection district.

B. MUTUAL AID DISPATCH AREAS BY DISPATCH LEVEL

All dispatches will be made based on the closest forces capable of responding to the incident.

C. MUTUAL AID MOVE-UP AND COVER FACILITIES

Move-up and cover facilities have not been predetermined.

D. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Suppression within designated Wilderness, Wilderness Study Areas, and/or "roadless" areas, or Appropriate Management Response(AMR)area as designated on the map, will not be conducted without direct orders from the jurisdictional federal official.

Use of mechanized equipment such as bulldozers, graders, etc., will not be permitted on federal lands without the expressed approval of the appropriate federal official.

Moffat County will implement their fire management plan for the 2003 fire season.

Additionally, however, the jurisdictional agency will keep other responding agencies informed of the status of its investigations and legal actions.

E. RESPONSIBILITY FOR NON-WILDLAND FIRE EMERGENCIES

This plan addresses only wildland fire incidents.

F. REPAIR OF WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION DAMAGE

Repair of wildfire suppression damage is the responsibility of the jurisdictional agency, unless otherwise agreed to by the unified command at the time of fire close out.

VI. RESOURCE LIST

County Equipment

Graders

1-Maybell

1-Browns Park

1-Great Divide

1-Hamilton

Dozers

1-D6 Craig Type 2

1-TD-25 Craig Type 1

1-D8 Craig Type 1

Other Equipment

3-Craig Truck with lowboy  
1-4Mile (Baggs) 2-4000 gal water trucks (not potable)

Maybell VFD

1-2 1/2T 6x6 engine 1000gal. Type 3X (Moffat County engine 1)  
Type 6X (Sheriffs Dept.)  
1- 500 gal. collapsible portable water tank  
1- 500 gal. high volume pumper truck Type 2

Artesia FPD

Equipment

1 1T Type 6x  
3-3/4T 4x4 210gal Type 6X  
2- 500gal Type 2X,2  
1-1T 4x4 300gal Type 5X

Craig Rural FPD

Equipment

4 - 150 gal fast attack 4x4 Type 7X  
1 - 500 gal structure engine 4x2 Type 2  
1 - 400 gal 4x4 Type 6X

Moffat County Sheriffs Dept.

Equipment

3-2 1/2T 6x6 engines 1000 gal - Craig 3X (Moffat County engines 2,5 & 6)  
1-2 1/2T 6x6 engine 1000 gal - CAF engine - Craig Type 3X (Moffat County engine 3)  
1- 500 gal collapsible portable water tank  
1-Incident command vehicle  
1-1T 4x4 engine 200 gal. type 6x (Moffat County engine 4)

Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit - Craig Station

3 - Type 6 Engines (2-Craig, 1-Meeker)  
4 - Type 4 Engines (3-Craig, 1-Meeker)  
1 - Type 1 tender

Steamboat Station

5 person initial attack squad

Dinosaur National Monument

2- Type 6 Engines (Engines 681 & 683)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Browns Park

1- grader

1- D4 dozer without transport

1 -Type 6x engine (#6414)

\_\_\_\_\_ 1- Type 3 tender (#WT3411)\_

1- 800 gal. portable tank

Aircraft

Requests for air support must include (i) name of individual acting as ground contact(identified by Craig Interagency Dispatch Center (CRC)) (ii) radio frequency for ground contact (identified by CRC)(iii) nearest base of operations. (See EXHIBIT A for map of radio frequencies)

Grand Junction Air Center, Grand Junction

1-Type 3 "light" Helicopter

Fort Collins

(contact thru Craig Dispatch Center 826-5037)

\_\_\_\_\_ 1-Type 3 "light" Helicopter

Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit-Craig

1-300 gal. Thrush SEAT N# 7943V Tanker 443 (CWN)

Colorado State Forest Service

1 to 4 Single Engine Air Tankers

2-UHY Helicopters w/200 gal. buckets (These are Colo. Nat. Guard ships located at the High Altitude Training Site in Eagle)

VII. PROTECTION AREA MAP

The BLM map,(1/2"= 1 mile) is used to show jurisdictional boundaries for the purpose of this plan. The Moffat County Sheriff is responsible for fire control on

all state and private lands within Moffat County. On federal lands, the agency charged with managing those lands is responsible for fire control.

## VIII. FIRE READINESS

### A. FIRE PLANNING

This AOP is the only example of an interagency fire plan in use for Moffat County.

### B. WILDFIRE TRAINING NEEDS AND COORDINATION

Standard approved fire training courses are provided periodically by CSFS, USFS, BLM, NPS, and other agencies. As these courses are scheduled, all cooperators will be informed and invited to participate. CSFS will attempt to provide specific training opportunities for fire district personnel and other private organizations as requested, and as time allows.

### C. INSPECTION SCHEDULES

Equipment will be inspected based on need as determined by the agency responsible for such equipment.

## IX. WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION PROCEDURES

### A. INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM USE

The Incident Command System (ICS) will be utilized on all fires. ICS is a standardized method of managing emergency incidents. It is based on:

- Common organizational structure
- Common terminology
- Common operating procedures
- Known qualifications of emergency personnel

ICS does not infringe on the responsibilities or authority given each agency by statute, but if a transfer of authority is necessary as conditions change, ICS eases the transition since organizational structure and lines of authority are clearly identified.

### B. DETECTION

Moffat County Sheriffs Department will receive reports of wildland fires from the public and will notify the applicable agency.

C. MOBILIZATION GUIDES

Craig Dispatch Center maintains a mobilization guide. These guides may be useful to the county for obtaining private sector wildland fire resources.

D. NOTIFICATION OF FIRES

Assisting agencies making initial attack on fires within the mutual aid zone will ensure that the jurisdictional agency is promptly notified of the fire through Craig Dispatch Center. The County Sheriff will be notified of all wildland fires. If the fire is on or threatening state or private land, and is expected to exceed the control capabilities of the county, the CSFS fire duty officer will be notified. If the fire is on land managed by BLM, NPS, Routt National Forest, or U.S. Fish and Wildlife - Moffat County Communications Center will notify Craig Interagency Dispatch Center (CRC). The Division of Wildlife will be notified of all fires burning in state wildlife areas.

E. RECIPROCAL FIRE PROTECTION AREAS

Reciprocal Fire Protection. A reciprocal fire protection zone has been established county-wide between the BLM, USFS, USFWS, NPS and Moffat County. In the event a fire occurs within these zones, it is agreed that there should be no delay in attack pending determination of the precise location of the fire, land ownership or responsibility.

Upon receiving the report of a fire CRC will dispatch initial attack forces and notify jurisdictional agency.

Once ownership has been determined, the responsible agency shall relieve the personnel of the assisting agency at the earliest possible time.

These zones have been established for mutual aid purposes only. Mutual aid period shall mean the period of fire suppression from the time of initial dispatch thru one complete burning period. The mutual aid period may end earlier by mutual agreement.

Each agency will make its personnel and equipment available upon request to the other agencies. It is understood however, that no agency will be required or expected to commit its forces to assisting another agency to the extent of jeopardizing its own responsibilities, or the security of lands it is charged with protecting.

F. INITIAL ATTACK DISPATCH LEVELS

Initial attack dispatch levels are predetermined in Moffat County, and the Sheriff's and County Road and Bridge's resources are included in the low, medium and high levels.

G. DISPATCHING AND RESOURCE ORDER PROCESS

Craig Dispatch Center will act as dispatch for county initial attack response. The agency that can take the quickest effective fire suppression action will be dispatched for initial attack. The jurisdictional agency will assume command of the suppression action at the earliest possible time. Notification of all other agencies that are, or may be affected, is the responsibility of the CRC.

1. MAC GROUP (Multi Agency Coordination)

Local MAC Group: If a fire crosses jurisdictional boundaries and becomes a multi-agency fire, a local MAC Group will be formed. The purpose of the MAC Group will be to meet as a group and identify policies, objectives, and strategy, resulting in one common set of objectives given to a single incident commander for tactical implementation. It will also be the responsibility of the MAC Group to determine cost-sharing for multi-jurisdictional fires.

The MAC Group may consist of:

Moffat County Sheriff's Department: Sheriff  
or their designate.

Colorado State Forest Service: District Forester or  
their designate.

Medicine Bow - Routt National Forest and the Bureau  
of Land Management: Craig/Routt FMO or their designate.  
Dinosaur National Monument: Monument Superintendent or  
their designate.

Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge: Refuge Manager or  
their designate.

## 2. BOUNDARY FIRES

Boundary fires include (i) a fire burning jointly on two or more agencies lands, or will soon burn across the boundary, when the boundary line is known, (ii) when the fire location is known, but the jurisdictional boundary on the ground is unknown, or (iii) when the location of a reported fire is uncertain in relation to the jurisdictional boundary.

### H. REINFORCEMENTS AND SUPPORT

All requests for additional resources beyond initial attack will be made by the applicable agency representative, using appropriate ordering procedures as follows:

-Moffat County Sheriff, Routt National Forest, BLM, NPS and CSFS will order through Craig Interagency Dispatch Center (CRC).

### I. MOVE UP AND COVER PROCEDURES

Move up and cover procedures have not been predetermined.

### J. INTERAGENCY PROCUREMENT

Non-federal participants in this plan may purchase fire suppression supplies from GSA through CSFS. Any other loaning, sharing, exchanging, or maintenance of facilities, equipment, or support services will be considered on a case by case basis and must be mutually agreed upon by the concerned parties.

### K. COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AND FREQUENCIES

The BLM Work Channel will be used for inter-agency communication on wildland fires.

Federal agencies can obtain authority to use this frequency (contact CSFS for details). Agencies with programmable radios should assign FERN I frequency to one channel.

For the purposes of conducting business authorized by this cooperative agreement, all parties to this operating plan agree that assisting agencies may use the jurisdictional agency's radio frequencies as needed to conduct emergency communications on fires of the jurisdictional agency. No party

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to this operating plan will use, or authorize others to use, another agency's radio frequencies for routine day to day operations. Fire protection districts on incident management missions, under the auspices of the county, are granted permission to use federal radio frequencies, if needed, to assure safety of the operation. Following are radio frequencies specifically authorized for use:

<u>County Sheriff &amp; FPD's</u>					
	<u>RX</u>	<u>TX</u>	<u>TONE</u>		
Craig Fire (repeater)	154.220	154.430	4B	Craig Fire - direct	
154.220 154.220					
Artesia FPD	154.280	154.220			
<u>Dinosaur National Monument</u>					
	<u>RX</u>	<u>TX</u>	<u>TONE</u>		
Dino NM #1		166.375	166.375		
Dino NM #2		166.375	166.975	110.9	
Dino NM #3		166.375	166.975	114.8	
<u>Colorado State Forest Service</u>					
	<u>RX</u>	<u>TX</u>	<u>TONE</u>		
Car to Car	151.340	151.340			
Natural Resources (Walton)	151.145	159.450	151.4		
<u>USFS-Hahns Peak-Bears Ears District</u>					
	<u>RX</u>	<u>TX</u>	<u>TONE</u>		
Black Mountain	169.600	164.9125	156.7		
Cedar Mountain			169.600	164.9125	167.9
<u>BLM</u>					
	<u>RX</u>	<u>TX</u>	<u>TONE</u>		
BLM Work Channel		168.350	168.350		
CRC Juniper		168.425	168.425	192.8	
Lookout			168.425	169.625	151.4
Cathedral	168.425	169.625	192.8		
<u>Browns Park Wildlife Refuge</u>					
	<u>RX</u>	<u>TX</u>	<u>TONE</u>		
Zenobia Peak			163.3375	162.1625	110.9
Blue Mountain	172.450	171.750	141.3		
Car to Car	163.3375	163.3375	110.9		

L. WILDLAND FIRE SITUATION ANALYSIS

Federal agencies are required to complete a Wildland Fire Situation Analysis (WFSA) on all fires on federal land that escape initial attack. This procedure requires federal agency unit administrator participation.

CSFS requires an Emergency Fire Fund (EFF) Analysis Form (CSFS #108A attached as EXHIBIT B) to be prepared on non-federal fires that have the potential to exceed county control capabilities. The Sheriff should use this form to help determine if a fire might be eligible for EFF.

CSFS will prepare an Escaped Fire Situation Analysis(EFSA) for all fires that are approved for EFF.

On non-EFF fires involving private land the Sheriff and other involved agencies shall develop a Wildland Fire Situation Analysis for extended attack. A Delegation of Authority should also be done from the County to the IC.

M. STATE EMERGENCY FIRE FUND (EFF)

1. INTENT

Moffat County is a member of the State EFF agreement. The purpose of the EFF agreement is to provide funds to cover costs associated with a large fire, or multiple fires on non-federal lands that the resources of the county cannot handle.

When EFF is implemented, CSFS assumes responsibility and authority for all suppression activity until the fire is returned to county responsibility; however, the county must maintain a minimum level of participation after EFF is implemented as outlined in section IX.M.5.b.

2. FUNDING

Money is contributed by member counties annually, based on a CSFS assessment that considers the number of forested acres and valuation of private land.

3. ROLES

a. CSFS DISTRICT FORESTER

Act for State Forester in the absence of an assigned Incident Line Officer; assist Sheriff in completing EFF Analysis Form (CSFS #108A) for each shift; prepare CSFS Fire Funding Request (CSFS #164); assure Incident Line Officer is aware of local situations and procedures.

b. Moffat County SHERIFF

Prepare EFF Analysis Form (CSFS #108A) for potential EFF fires; sign Assumption of Fire Control Duty Form

(CSFS #168) for fires that the State Forester approves for EFF; serve as county representative on Unified Command group.

c. Moffat County COMMISSIONERS

Approve Assumption of Fire Control Duty Form (CSFS #168) for fires that the State Forester approves for EFF.

d. OTHER AGENCIES

Provide Sheriff with personnel and equipment necessary to meet minimum county resource commitment.

4. MAC GROUP

All EFF fires will utilize a MAC Group consisting of, at a minimum, Moffat County Sheriff and CSFS. If land administered by another agency is threatened or involved, that agency will provide a member of the MAC Group as outlined in section IX.G.1.

5. EFF ACTIVATION

Implementation of the Emergency Fire Fund can be done only by the Colorado State Forester upon the recommendation of the local CSFS District Forester, following a request from the county. For this reason, it is important that the CSFS Fire Duty Officer be notified immediately of major fires on private/state lands within the county. Should the fire surpass, or threaten to surpass, the ability of county resources to contain it, EFF implementation can occur only with a CSFS representative on scene.

a. CSFS FORMS

\* 108A prepared by Moffat County Sheriff and CSFS District Forester (EXHIBIT B).

\* 168 prepared by CSFS District Forester with input from Moffat County Sheriff.

\* WFSA prepared by Incident Line Officer with input from District Forester and Sheriff.

b. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY

The minimum Moffat County resource commitment for an on going EFF fire is two wildland engines, one structural engine, one water tender, and one maintainer, all with operators. Additionally Moffat County will provide an incident command post and traffic control. It is understood that if the tactics of a given incident do not require some of this equipment, it will not be required on scene.

c. EFF/CSFS RESPONSIBILITY

CSFS will provide a District Representative and an Incident Line Officer for each EFF fire. CSFS will act as the fund administrator for all EFF fires.

6. EFF DEACTIVATION

CSFS will transfer control of an EFF fire back to Moffat County when fire spread is contained, the Line Officer's objectives have been met, and a written plan has been prepared for the next operational period.

a. MOP-UP AND PATROL

The county will be responsible for mop-up and patrol, after control of an EFF fire has been transferred back to the county from CSFS, according to an extended incident action plan.

b. RECLAMATION

The EFF can pay for waterbarring and reseeding control lines. All other reclamation work must be funded by the landowner.

N. DISPATCH CENTERS

Dispatch centers and their areas of responsibility are outlined in section IX.G.

O. POST-INCIDENT ACTION ANALYSIS

Analysis of incidents will be conducted at a level commensurate with the complexity of the incident.

P. OUT-OF-COUNTY ASSIGNMENTS

Red cards are not required for initial attack, but firefighters without red cards will be the first ones released by the jurisdictional agency. In most cases this will occur no later than the next operational period.

X. AVIATION PROCEDURES

A. AVIATION MAP AND NARRATIVE

Federal agencies have mapped aviation issues in their fire management action plans. Moffat County and CSFS have not developed such a map.

B. FLIGHT FOLLOWING/FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT

CRC will flight follow for aircraft ordered through them. If radio communication problems develop, CRC will coordinate with adjacent dispatch centers to provide flight following.

C. CWN AIRCRAFT (Call When Needed)

Beyond the scope of this plan.

D. FIXED WING BASE MANAGEMENT

There are no permanent air tanker bases in Moffat County.

E. SINGLE ENGINE AIR TANKER (SEAT) BASES

When a combination of factors or events, as agreed to by the Sheriff and CSFS, create a situation that warrants pre-positioning of a SEAT in Moffat County, the Sheriff should request pre-positioning through the CSFS fire duty officer. Factors may include, but are not limited to, multiple starts within a 24 hour period, high occurrence of dry lightning, or persistent Red Flag Warnings. CSFS will notify participants to this plan when a SEAT is pre-positioned in Moffat County.

Each agency should follow their normal resource request procedure to request a SEAT for use on an incident, regardless of whether the SEAT is pre-positioned in Moffat County or not.

F. LEADPLANE/AIR ATTACK ACTIVATION

The determination to use a leadplane or air attack on an incident will be made by the IC in coordination with CRC in accordance with Policy.

G. AVIATION REQUESTS AND OPERATIONS

Requests for tactical aircraft will be made only by the responsible official of the jurisdictional agency. For fires on state or private lands, aircraft orders will be made through CRC, and will only be accepted from the County Sheriff, Undersheriff, or other Authorized Agency Personnel (See Exhibit c).

Aircraft identified section VI. may be available as initial attack resources. These aircraft and others are on national contracts. It should be realized that if ordered, aircraft may come from out of state, which could incur costs well beyond those that could be expected when aircraft are located at Grand Junction or Lakewood.

For fire season 2003 the Initial Attack Aircraft Agreement will be suspended. It will be replaced by the Wildfire Emergency Response Fund (WERF). Please see Exhibit E for complete operating procedures. The preferred method for ordering aircraft is via the Craig Dispatch Center (CRC). All aircraft orders made from the County Sheriff to the CRC will be considered a valid request from the county and obligation of county funds for that aircraft. It is preferred that such requests come from the CRC, however, if more expedient, the request may come directly from the Sheriff, Undersheriff, or authorized agency representatives listed in Exhibit C. The CRC shall immediately notify the appropriate State District Forester or CSFS Fire Duty Officer whenever a county requests aircraft assistance.

#### H. INSPECTION SCHEDULES

No aircraft inspections are scheduled.

#### XI. FIRE PREVENTION

##### A. GENERAL COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

When cooperating agencies determine that the fire danger warrants, fire prevention/suppression patrols may be initiated. If prevention patrol personnel are signed up as AD's, they could be required to respond anywhere on the administrative unit. Volunteer patrol personnel will not be required to respond.

##### B. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

###### 1. FIRE DANGER

###### a. FIRE WEATHER STATION LOCATIONS

There are 3 remote automatic weather stations in Moffat County; Lodore(BLM), Success(NPS), and Great Divide(BLM). There is one permanent fire weather observing station; Dinosaur HQ(NPS).

b. DATA SHARING AND METHODS

The Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit through CRC monitors local fire danger levels. This information is available to local cooperators upon request. Daily Situation Statistics are on the web site:

[www.fs.fed.us/r2/fire/crc/dailybrief.htm](http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/fire/crc/dailybrief.htm)

c. FIRE DANGER DISSEMINATION

CRC will broadcast/FAX weather between 1000 and 1030 hours. Between 1600 and 1630 hours CRC will broadcast/FAX fire danger rating with weather forecast and predicted fire danger rating for the next day.

d. FIRE PREVENTION SIGNS

Each agency will determine when and where to place fire prevention signs.

2. JOINT OR SINGLE AGENCY PRESS RELEASES

Each agency will prepare and release fire prevention material and media presentations according to its own prevention plans. Coordination with other agencies should be maintained in order to prevent a conflict in released material. Where pertinent, all news releases for fire prevention will carry USFS, CSFS, BLM, NPS, USF&W, fire district or county sheriff by-line.

3. SMOKEY BEAR PROGRAM

Cooperating agencies may purchase Smokey Bear materials through CSFS.

4. "FIREWISE" PROGRAMS

This program is currently being used in Moffat County.

5. RED FLAG ANNOUNCEMENTS

The National Weather Service in Grand Junction periodically issues "RED FLAG" watch and warning bulletins. When these bulletins are announced, CRC will notify the Moffat County Sheriffs Office and the Steamboat Springs office of CSFS via FAX or email.

C. ENGINEERING

1. LAND USE PLANNING (WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE)

Moffat County requires that a wildfire hazard review be conducted by CSFS and the fire protection district on all proposed subdivisions. Implementation of recommended wildfire hazard mitigation procedures is voluntary.

2. RAILROADS AND UTILITIES

No formal inspections or requirements.

D. ENFORCEMENT

1. OPEN BURNING PERMITS

No burn permit is required in Moffat County for open burning within the County. For prescribed burns the jurisdictional agency will follow agency prescribed fire policy and procedures, and notify Moffat County Sheriffs Office and Craig Dispatch Center. Such notification should include the location, timing, and nature of prescribed burns.

2. RESTRICTIONS AND CLOSURES

Requests for closures prohibiting open fires during hazardous periods should be coordinated to include private, state, and federal lands when possible. Requests will be made by the jurisdictional agency with notification given to all other agencies. Requests should be submitted in writing to the respective granting authority. The granting authority and jurisdictional agency(ies) shall jointly

prepare and promptly distribute media releases concerning the closure. In the case of any restrictions on burning or public movements because of extreme fire danger, either by Governor's proclamation or by local issue, the county sheriff will be responsible for enforcement on all non-federal lands, and may assist on other lands at the request of the appropriate agency.

### 3. FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

The jurisdictional agency will have primary responsibility for fire investigation, and any civil or criminal follow up actions taken.

Additionally, however, the jurisdictional agency will keep other responding agencies informed of the status of its investigations and legal actions.

## XII. FUELS MANAGEMENT AND PRESCRIBED FIRE CONSIDERATIONS

Wildfires resulting from escaped prescribed fires, ignited by, or at the direction of, or under the supervision of any party to this agreement, shall be the responsibility of that party, and all suppression costs shall be borne by that party.

## XIII. COST REIMBURSEMENTS

### A. REIMBURSABLE COSTS

Costs incurred by an assisting agency for services that exceed initial attack, as described in section IX.E., shall be considered reimbursable. These services must be requested by the jurisdictional agency through their dispatch center or documented by the incident commander in the fire report. Resources not documented by a resource order number or by the incident commander may not be reimbursable.

When a wildfire occurs on lands of more than one agency, and costs are incurred in addition to the initial attack, reimbursement will be based on Wildland Fire Situation Analysis developed criteria.

### B. REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES

The county may aggregate expenses incurred by the county and fire districts to suppress fires on federal jurisdictions, and may present an invoice for such expenses to CSFS, who will then reimburse the county and subsequently bill the jurisdictional federal agency or agencies.

Federal agencies may submit bills and statements for reimbursements from county and/or fire districts for federal suppression on non-federal

lands to CSFS. CSFS will make such reimbursement and subsequently invoice the county or fire district as appropriate.

All CSFS reimbursement will have invoices sent to the Steamboat Springs CSFS office within 30 days after incident resources are released. All invoices are required to have proper documentation before the process for payment can be completed. This will include information on personnel time, equipment time, and rates of pay.

C. RESOURCE USE RATES

CSFS equipment use rates are computed annually. These rates apply to CSFS equipment, including that currently assigned to individual fire districts and that contracted with fire districts. A state wide Fire Equipment Rental Agreement is in place for all CSFS equipment.

CSFS FIRE EQUIPMENT USE RATES (Exhibit D)

Fire Equipment Rental Agreements between federal agencies and fire districts or private suppliers will be completed annually by April 30. Costs for equipment not covered by such an agreement may not be reimbursed by the jurisdictional agency unless rates are mutually agreed to, in writing, at the time of hire.

Wages of personnel shall be at the actual cost to the assisting agency. Volunteers must be hired by a federal agency as casuals (AD's) in order to be paid.

Current AD rates, for the Western Area, from the USFS Fire Business Management Handbook are as follows:

- Fire Department Chief or County Sheriff (or their acting) in capacity of an Incident Commander, Agency Coordinator, or Group Supervisor.....AD-5
- Engine Boss.....AD-4
- Squad Boss.....AD-3
- Experienced Firefighter.....AD-2
- Inexperienced Firefighter.....AD-1

Personnel will be paid based on the position they occupy on the fire, as established by the Incident Commander, rather than on their individual qualifications. AD's are not eligible for overtime or premium rates. Unless mutually agreed upon, personnel from other than the jurisdictional agency will be released by the next day operational period following initial attack.

XIV. GENERAL PROCEDURES

A. PERIODIC PROGRAM REVIEW

Program reviews will be conducted at the annual fire operating plan meeting in March.

B. ANNUAL UPDATING OF PLAN

The annual fire operating plan will be updated each year. A meeting of cooperating agencies will be held during the first week of March each year. The updated plan will be circulated for signatures prior to May.

C. MID YEAR CHANGES

Mid year changes are to be avoided; however, if an agency becomes unable to uphold commitments, it should notify all parties to this agreement.

D. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

The primary purpose of this operating plan is to ensure prompt suppression of wildland fires. Any interagency dispute arising from these procedures will be resolved on site by the Unified Command Group. When necessary, following the conclusion of the fire incident, a panel of agency representatives other than the participants in the incident will review and resolve the dispute.

XV. DIRECTORY OF PERSONNEL

Moffat County

Sheriffs Department	824-4495
Buddy Grinstead, Sheriff	824-8941-H 326-6814-C
Jerry Hoberg, Undersheriff	824-4146-H 326-8116-C
Tim Jantz, Fire Warden	272-3779-H 326-8849-C
Road Department	824-3211
Billy Mack, Co. Road Supervisor	326-5262-H

Craig Interagency Dispatch Center (CRC)

Craig 24 hour number	970-826-5037
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Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit - Craig Station

Business Office(BLM) 970-826-5000  
Business Office (USFS-Steamboat) 970-879-1870  
Fire Dispatch (24 hr) 970-826-5037  
Mike Rieser, FMO 970-824-2919-H  
970-326-8627-cell  
Cliff Hutton, AFMO 970-826-0694-H  
970-326-6777-cell  
Cathy Hutton, Center Manager 970-826-0694-H  
970-629-1256-cell  
Dale Skidmore, North Zone FMO 970-629-5108-H  
970-326-5074-cell

Steamboat- Station 879-1870-W  
Kent Foster, Central Zone FMO 879-1173-H 870-2142-W  
Kim Vogel, District Ranger 879-2865

Maybell VFD

Dave O'Conor, Chief 272-9929-H\_\_\_\_\_

Artesia FPD

Robert Ormsbee, Chief 374-2849-H

Craig Rural FPD 824-5914

Roy Mason, Chief 824-3908-H

Dinosaur National Monument 374-3000

Mark Rosenthal, FMO 374-3014-W  
374-2752-H  
970-629-0191-cell  
254-381-5343-sat  
Steve Penny, 374-3011-W 435-781-8895-H  
970-629-0192-C  
Cat Zacherson, Fire Program Asst. 374-3015-W  
435-790-3490-C

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Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge 970-365-3613

VACANT, Fire Program Tech -H  
-cell  
-sat

Jerry Rodriguez, Refuge Manager 365-3595-H

Suzanne Halvorson, Refuge Ops Specialist 970-365-3615-H

Browns Park NWR Fire Bunkhouse 970-365-3618

Colorado State Forest Service FAX 879-2517 879-0475-W  
Call in this order

Terry Wattles, cell 970-217-2198 879-0716-H  
John Twitchell cell 970-222-4070 723-4505-W & H  
Brook Lee cell 97-218-6587 723-4505-W  
State Office Fire Duty Officer 970-491-6304  
State Office Fire Duty Officer cell 970-222-2784