Appendix D
Agency Administrator’s 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
* Other Agencies and Cooperators
* Objectives and Course of Action – Agency administrator /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 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
	+ Sage Grouse 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 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 or 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
* Agency administrator’s Key Points from Leader’s Intent

Breakout Group Meetings to Follow

**Breakout Groups**

***Incident Commander***

| **Written Package** | **Oral Briefing** |
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| * 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
 | * Set up daily coordination calls between IC, agency administrator, (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.)

Resource advisor* Other incidents/incident management teams (IMTs) in the area or geographic area
* Hazardous materials

Unexploded ordnances, asbestos, mining contaminants, etc.  |

***Information***

| **Written Package** | **Oral Briefing** |
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| * 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
 | * If JIC activated, how the IMT will interact
* Expectations of public meetings, or coordinated outreach from the IMT
* Public information plan within 24 hours
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***Operations***

| **Written Package** | **Oral Briefing** |
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| * WFDSS decision

Management action point (MAP)Course of action* Fire department contacts/resource list/availability

Provide structure protection guidance (as relative unit and adjoining ownership as needed)Evacuation plans and trigger pointsStructure protection guidance* Contact list
* Resource orders/resource list

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

Unit frequencies and repeater mapRetardant avoidance mapsStructure inventory data/mapsValues 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
 | * Weather/fire danger information
* Fire behavior models and predictions
* Management action points

Trigger points or evaluation lines for tactical operationsNatural 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)
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***Air Operations***

| **Written Package** | **Oral Briefing** |
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| * Aviation briefing guidance
* Regional 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)
 | * 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
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***Safety***

| **Written Package** | **Oral Briefing** |
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| * 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 form
* 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](https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/ics-forms) for area
* Contact list
 | * 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
* What level of notification does the agency administrator want?
* Local medical plans, hospital locations, etc.
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***Finance Section (Could be combined with Logistics)***

| **Written Package** | **Oral Briefing** |
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| * Unit incident business operating guidelines
* Contracts and agreements

List of all current agreements including land use agreements, fuel agreements, local purchase, equipment/resources agreementsCell phone carrier informationCost share agreementsFire department cooperative fire agreementsWeed washing stations contract options* Compensation/claims requirements and contacts (hospital liaison)
* Fiscal limitations and constraints
* Identify incident business advisor (INBA) and contracting officer(s)
* Buying unit
* Contact list
 | * Overview of local/cooperator agreements
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***Logistics Section***

| **Written Package** | **Oral Briefing** |
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| * Incident map

Incident command post (ICP) camp locations – mapDrop points* Contracts

Cell phone carrier informationWeed washing stations contract options* Unit frequencies and repeater map
* Medical information for area
* Expanded dispatch highlights
* Agreements

List of all current agreements including land use agreement, fuel agreements, local purchase, equipment/resources agreements* Contact list
 | * Medical information for the area – protocol
* Availability of caterer or local restaurants for IMT/crews
* Communication recommendations

Cell phone coverage (carriers)* Resource ordering – Interagency Resource Ordering Capability (IROC) access and orders
* Known ground support issues

Rental car/vehicle availability* ICP/camp site recommendations (used in past)
* Discussion of agreements
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***Planning Section***

| **Written Package** | **Oral Briefing** |
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| * 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

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

Narrative/executive summary (IMT)Transition Plan (IMT)Demobilization Plan (IMT/expanded dispatch)Maps (IMT)Documentation (IMT) – number of packages requiredHard drive (IMT)Rehabilitation Plan (Area)Evacuation Plan (Local)Structure Protection Plan (Area/IMT)Known sites update (IMT/Area)* Electronic data

FTP site posting directions or information repository (IMT hard drive)GIS dataKnown sites template | * WFDSS documentation

 Modeling support/products* ICS-209 deadlines, protocols for complexities, limited fires, etc.
* Training responsibilities
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***Contacts***

***Unit Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

| **Area** | **Name** | **Job Title** | **Work Phone #** | **Alternate #** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Agency Administrator |  | Agency Administrator |  |  |
|  |  | Executive Assistant |  |  |
| Fire Management |  | Fire Management Officer |  |  |
|  |  | 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 helpdesk for agencies involved).

***Regional and Interagency***

Potential contacts may include hospital liaison(s), incident business coordinator and buying team 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.