

File Code: 5130 Wildland Fire Suppression

Date: 06/29/2007

Subject: IMT Delegation of Authority, Madison Arm Fire

To: Jess Secret. Incident Commander

I hereby delegate to you the authority to execute the suppression management strategy and corresponding tactics on the Madison Arm Incident located on the Hebgen Lake Ranger District of the Gallatin National Forest (GNF). In the event this fire crosses into Yellowstone National Park (YNP), or a new start occurs within the YNP portion of the IMT's area of IA responsibility, this delegation authorizes you to execute appropriate and necessary suppression management strategies and corresponding tactics within the exterior boundaries of YNP.

AS FOR YNP, THIS SIGNATURE DELEGATION GOES INTO EFFECT AT SUCH TIME AS FIRE ENTERS ONTO YNP LANDS AND TELEPHONE NOTIFICATION OF SUCH IS MADE TO BOZEMAN DISPATCH.

This delegation of authority carries with it the full range of responsibilities associated with the management of the continuing suppression efforts and the necessary rehabilitation of effects directly related to your suppression operations within the scope of your authority.

John Allen will be the Forest Service Agency Administrator for this incident. Bill Queen will be his representative for this incident. Andy Pils, Susan Lamont, Pete Becken and Bruce Roberts are designated Resource Advisors.

Joe Skinner is the Gallatin County Chairman (Agency Administrator) for this incident. Brett Waters (Gallatin County Fire Warden) will be his representative for this incident.

Colin Campbell will be the National Park Service Agency Administrator for this incident. Chief Ranger Rick Obernesser will be his representative for this incident. Troy Nedved will be the designated Resource Advisor.

The responsibility for management for this fire was transferred to you at 0600 hours on 06/29/2007.

The Bozeman Dispatch Center will be the lead dispatch for this incident.

Projected costs for the Selected Alternative "A" in the WFSA are \$3,400,000. If it becomes apparent through our daily validation of the WFSA that this will be exceeded, a new Delegation of Authority will need to be issued. If the fire crosses over onto private lands, this Delegation of Authority will be void and Unified Command will be established, with the exception that the original delegation parameters will remain valid for any portion of the incident occurring within YNP.

I expect all suppression operations to be conducted in accordance with the WFSA's selected strategy, objectives, and other direction listed in the Incident Management Team (IMT) briefing package. It is paramount that close coordination with the GNF, Gallatin County, the State, other Local Cooperators, Yellowstone National Park, and your IMT be established immediately to ensure a safe transfer of command. Additionally, we expect you to establish and maintain close working relationships with the local, county, and federal law enforcement resources that may be involved in this incident.

New wildland fires will remain the responsibility of the Gallatin NF or the respective Local Government Fire Protection Agency. Within your TFR you will be responsible for Initial Attack on Federal Lands only. New fires occurring on non-federal protection will be the responsibility of the respective Local Government Protection Agency. All new wildland fires discovered on Forest Service protection will be reported to the Bozeman Interagency Dispatch Center. All new wildland fires discovered on NPS protection will be reported to the YNP Fire Dispatch. The GNF Fire Duty Officer and the respective Dispatcher will retain the authority and responsibility for coordinating all initial and extended attack suppression management actions not assigned to your IMT. The Bozeman Interagency Dispatch Center and YNP Fire Dispatch will coordinate with your IMT on any request for suppression assistance on any new wildland fires within or adjacent to your fire area. When your IMT has sufficient firefighting resources in place and is available to provide initial attack assistance to GNF and YNP, we may initiate discussions with you and define a mutually agreed to IMT initial attack response zone.

All new fires discovered on Local Government Protected lands will be reported to "911".

The WSFA's Selected Alternative "A" identifies the rationale for the appropriate management response specific to this incident. The Forest Supervisor or his representative must approve mechanically constructed contingency lines built on Forest Service lands. Any YNP portion of the fire will be treated as wilderness and subject to MIST tactics. No mechanically constructed fire or contingency lines will be considered within YNP. All questions concerning potential resources impacts related to your strategic or tactical operations will be handled through the assigned Resource Advisors.

The IMT will provide Gallatin County a specific plan for information distribution. This list will include a news release and information flow to the County Commissioner, County Fire Warden, DES, Sheriff's Office, and Local Fire Departments. *Inciweb* will be updated on a regular basis.

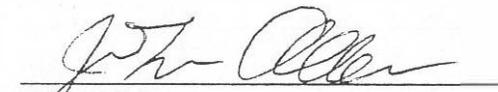
The IMT will send a copy of the Incident Action Plan daily to the County Commissioner, Northside Rural Fire Department, West Yellowstone Fire Department, the City of West Yellowstone, the Gallatin County Fire Warden, Gallatin County Health and Gallatin County DES, and Yellowstone National Park Fire Dispatch.

IMT objectives are:

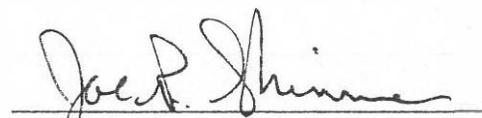
1. Make public, firefighter, and aviation safety your number one priority by using the Tactical Hazard Analysis (215A) as part of your operational planning process, ensuring all Incident Action Plans reflect this commitment to safety through the 10 Standard Firefighting Orders and the 18 Watch Out Situations; and if you cannot mitigate a tactical hazard, don't implement the corresponding tactical action.
2. Establish containment and control lines within the boundaries of the WSFA's Selected Alternative. Primary Protection values include the Lake Shore summer homes, Madison Arm Resort, the Baker's Hole summer homes, Baker's Hole and Rainbow Point Campgrounds, the West Yellowstone airport and the natural gas plant located at the north end of the airport.

3. Keep cost effectiveness, use of critical resources, and economic expenditures as an important part of your decision-making process: coordinate with the Gallatin National Forest Incident Business Advisor (IBA) and the assigned Line Officer to complete the daily validation and/or update the WFSA, but do not compromise public, firefighter, or aviation safety. Ensure that expenditures are commensurate with the values at risk.
4. Monitor cumulative fatigue, ensure all assigned firefighter personnel receive adequate rest, and any operational period in excess of 16 hours requires documentation along with measures initiated to reduce fatigue.
5. Coordinate all tactical actions with the assigned Resource Advisor prior to execution, and develop a suppression rehabilitation plan for the impacts associated with those actions. Use MIST tactics as appropriate.
6. Frequent information contacts and meetings with the local community, as needed, are expected. Ensure prompt and accurate communication with the GNF, Gallatin County Commissioner, Sheriff's Office, Local Fire Departments, Yellowstone National Park, as well as private landowners and home owners and interested parties.
7. You will adhere to the Northern Rockies Work Environment Policy, which defines the work environment as a healthy, productive, harassment-free environment where ALL employees, contractors, and the public we serve are valued and treated with dignity and respect.

Again, please coordinate and work through the Bozeman Interagency Dispatch Center as your needs arise. We will meet with you towards the end of this incident to discuss close out proceedings. Welcome and have a safe assignment.



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Joe Skinner
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