



NFDRS2016 ROLLOUT ACTION PLAN

OCTOBER 2018
Operational Period
9/3-9/2018

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES

ICS 202

1 INCIDENT NAME

NFDRS ROLL OUT

2. DATE PREPARED

9/2/18

3. TIME PREPARED

1600

4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD (DATE/TIME)

9/2-9/18

5. GENERAL CONTROL OBJECTIVES FOR THE INCIDENT (INCLUDE ALTERNATIVES)

- *Present the science supporting the new version of the National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) to the local units.*
- *Provide an interagency framework for a standardized approach to applying fire danger based decisions at the local level by 2020.*
- *Coordinate scheduling and delivery of workshops with Geographic Area (GA) leadership groups to ensure each is provided with consistent workshop content in addition to cadre or other support as needed to maximize participation by local units within the the GA and facilitate transition to new NFDRS implementation*

6. WEATHER FORECAST FOR OPERATIONAL PERIOD

7. GENERAL MESSAGE

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ORGANIZATION LIST (ICS 203)

MEDICAL PLAN (ICS 206)

WEATHER SPOT FORECAST

ASSIGNMENT LIST (ICS 204)

AIR OPS. SUMMARY (ICS 220)

FIRE BEHAVIOR FORECAST

COMMUNICATION PLAN (ICS 205)

SAFETY MESSAGE

INCIDENT EMERGENCY PLAN

9. PREPARED BY (PLANNING SECTION CHIEF)

/s/ David Berens – PSC1

10. APPROVED BY (INCIDENT COMMANDER)

/s/ Clint Cross – ANFDRS Chair

ICS 202

1. BRANCH		2. GA Rocky Mountain		GA ASSIGNMENT LIST ICS 204				
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7. CONTROL OPERATIONS								
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8. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS								
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7. CONTROL OPERATIONS
- Evaluate new model and decisions thresholds created at the national workshop for the prototype areas
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1. BRANCH <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">GROUP</div>	2. Communication Plan <div style="text-align: center;">Implementation</div>	<div style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.5em;">GA ASSIGNMENT LIST</div> <div style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">ICS 204</div>
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HEALTH AND SAFETY MESSAGE

“We don’t Plan on Luck to be Safe, We Plan on Sound Risk Management and Good Decisions”

INCIDENT: : NFDRS Rollout	DATE: October 2018
Major Hazards & Risks: Risk Management, Travel, Medical Emergencies, Room Setup	
<p>Risk Management- This is our primary means of maintaining safe operations at all times. Constantly <i>evaluate your (& others’) actions</i>. Do not hesitate to adjust our behavior as environmental and human factor conditions change. Bring any concerns to the attention of the workshop organizers.</p> <p>Travel – Plan your trip and route fully prior to leaving or returning, Inspect your vehicle prior to use to including: tires, lights, motor oil level, brakes and windshield wiper condition. Adhere to all travel policy and driving limitations. Travel with a charge cell phone for emergencies.</p> <p>Medical Emergencies- Do you know what to do in case of a medical emergency? <i>Review the Medical Incident Report “8 Line”</i> at the end of your IRPG. Your actions may be what saves a life! Report any medical problem immediately to event organizers or dial “911”.</p> <p>Room Equipment/Setup - Employees must be aware of and use safety practices when lifting and moving equipment and material. Ensure classroom aisles are correctly established, no tripping hazards are evident and wires are not stretched across aisles. Identify and know where your emergency exits are.</p>	
<p>IF you SEE Something, SAY Something!!</p> 	<p>Remember</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ <u>S</u>TEP BACK✓ <u>T</u>HINK✓ <u>O</u>RGANIZE✓ <u>P</u>ROCEED
Prepared by: Tony Rivers, SOF1	

Communication Plan Key Messages

- The national fire danger rating system is used by federal, state and local wildland fire response agencies and organizations to determine wildland fire potential across a range of biomes in the United States.
- The rollout of NFDRS 2016 includes the testing, calibration, transition and incorporation of input from users.
- The rollout plan includes updates to the tools Fire Family Plus (FF+) and the Weather Information Management System (WIMS) which utilize the NFDRS 2106 system.
- When the rollout of NFDRS 2016 is complete it will provide a stable NFDRS 2016 system along with updates to FF+ and the WIMS.
- This rollout plan will allow changes to reflect input received from regions and field units during the two years of implementation.
- NFDRS 2016 will be implemented parallel to the existing 1978 and 1988 NFDRS models in 2019. The field may use all versions to compare and review NFDRS outputs. Users will be able to provide feedback on how the NFDRS 2016 compares to the older versions in supporting sound decision making. In 2020, the full transition to NFDRS 2016 will occur and the old models will be discontinued.
- Advancements to the science include:
 - 1) Improvements to the calculations of fire danger indices and components.
 - 2) Automation of the calculations in the WIMS
 - 3) Reduction in the number of fuel models to more accurately reflect fire danger levels across the landscape.
- With the update, manual tasks previously required in WIMS, such as daily publishing of observations, managing green-up and freeze-dates, and entering season codes and greenness factors will be obsolete reducing human interventions.
- Forest Service Manual 5120 requires all Forests to be covered by a Fire Danger Operating Plan.

Key Messages cont.,

- The National Fire Danger Rating System is the Forest Service standard for fire danger based decisions. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - 1) Determination of Adjective Fire Danger Rating,
 - 2) Staffing levels
 - 3) Response
 - 4) Preparedness levels
 - 5) Fire prevention
 - 6) Fire restrictions
 - 7) Prescribed Burn Approval Act
- Fire Danger Operating plan workshops have been implemented in the past by cadre from the Advanced NFDRS course (taught at NAFRI) over the last four years in three different Geographic Areas.
- Implementing NFDRS 2016 will result in simplification of NFDRS. Many unused components of the system can safely be removed, while the core usefulness and functionality of the system remains essentially unchanged.
- Software programming will change the NFDRS 2016 system significantly, output indices that can be used to guide fire management decisions will remain: Energy Release Component, Burning Index, Spread Component, Ignition Component and fuel moisture values.
- Updates to the Fire Family Plus application will be transparent to the user.
- By the end of 2020, full transition to the NFDRS 2016 system will have occurred allowing for the decommissioning of NFDRS 1978 and 1988 systems.
- Future enhancements to NFDRS include a proposed movement to a geospatial and gridded platform.
- It will be necessary to re-validate Fire Family Plus outputs which are likely to change with the NFDRS 2016 reduction in fuel models and the availability of historic hourly weather data. Products such as fire danger operating plan breakpoints and fire business thresholds, pocket cards, staffing levels and response plans will likely be impacted.

NFDRS ROLL OUT SESSIONS**

GA	Dates*	Location	Lead	Email	Phone	Faculty	# Participants
NR		Missoula					
NR		Billings					
NR		Coer de 'Alaine					
RM		CO West Slope					
RM		CO Front Range					
RM		WY Plains					
SW							
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GB	1/8-10/19	Boise, Idaho	Shelby Law Linda Chappell	slaw@blm.gov lchappell@fs.fed.us	801-531-5320 801-625-5505	7-10	30-40
GB		Nevada					
CA	1/7-11	Sacramento CA McClellan	DeeDee Cherry	dcherry@fs.fed.us	530-227-2198		70
CA	2/4-8	Sacramento CA McClellan	DeeDee Cherry	dcherry@fs.fed.us	530-227-2198		70
CA		Sacramento CA					
NW							
SA		TN/KY Academy	EJ Bundzendahl				
SA		Arkansas					
EA							
AK							

***Dates listed are those that were proposed from a past call. Use actual dates of workshops when completing this form.**

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