

Central Montana Area Command

Area Command Operating Guide



Custer National Forest
Helena National Forest
Gallatin National Forest
Beaverhead/Deerlodge National Forests
Lewis & Clark National Forest
Caribou- Targhee National Forests

Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, USFWS

Bureau of Land Management – Butte Field Office
Bureau of Land Management – Dillon Field Office

Yellowstone National Park

Southern Land Office – Montana DNRC
Southwest Land Office – Montana DNRC
Central Land Office – Montana DNRC

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Daily Summary 8/23/03

A. Incident Priorities Within Central Montana Area Command (*would be found on ICS AC 215 form*):

1. Initial Attack
2. Extended Attack
3. Lincoln Complex
4. Winslow
5. East/Grizzly Incident (Yellowstone NP)
6. Rough Draw Complex
7. Cathedral Peak
8. Burnt Ridge/Sheep Camp Complex

B. Assigned Resources (per 209) (*would be found on ICS AC 209 form*)

Resource	Lincoln Complex	Winslow	East/Grizzly	R.Draw Complex	C.Peak	Burnt Ridge /Sheep Camp Complex	Totals
Acres	33,252	10,115	20,500	2,675	1,230	1,688	69,460
Crews	16	8	20	7	2	19	72
Engines	38	21	10	20	6	23	118
Helicopters	0	2	5	6	3	1	17
Total Personnel	626	381	711	482	213	483	2,896

C. Critical Resource Needs Summary (From ICS 209) - (*would be found on ICS AC 215 form*)

Incident	Crews Type		Engines		Helicopters (type)			Misc. Overhead
	1	2	1-2	3+	1	2	3	
Lincoln Complex					3	1	1	6-DIVS, 6-STL/TFLD, 4-DOZB, 1-DMOB, 4-FOBS, 2-COMT, 2-RADO, 1-COTR, 4-FEMT, 1-RCDM, 1-ORDM, All Logistics Section Managers
Winslow					1	1		
East/Grizzly	2				2 w/madm HEB1	2 Std		Replacement module for Type 3 Helicopter
Rough Draw Complex								1-PROC
Cathedral Peak					1			
Burnt Ridge/Sheep Camp Complex	2					1 HA Std catgy		3-Safety Officers, 2-EMTB, 2-RADO, 1-SEC1

I. Central Montana Area Command – Objectives *(would be found on ICS AC 202 form)*

The Central Montana Area Command was directed to efficiently and cost effectively manage the fire suppression and fire suppression related rehabilitation activities within the framework of pertinent laws, agency policies, and direction provided in both the Wildland Fire Situation Analysis and the Agency Administrator briefing.

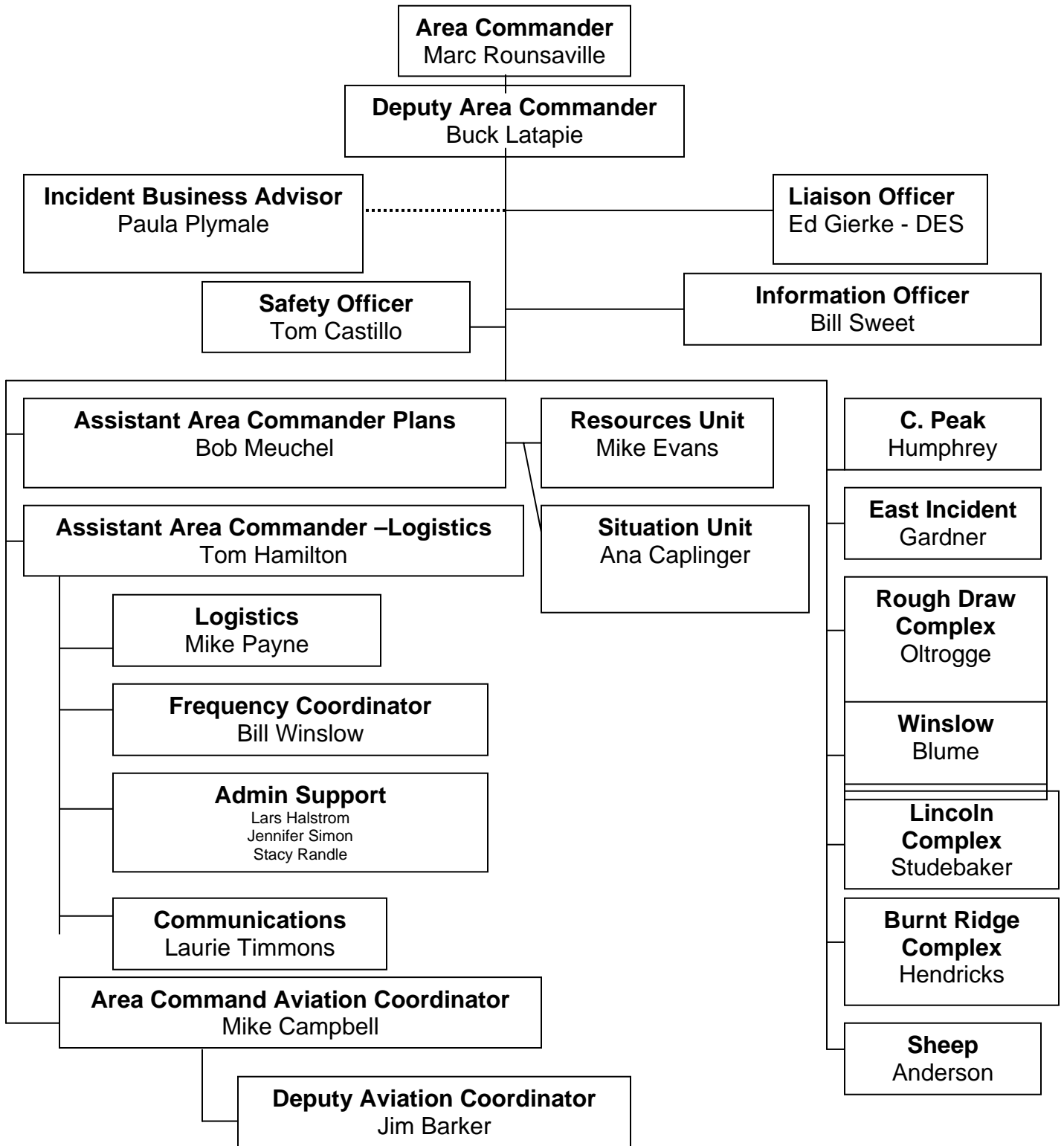
Objectives given to the Central Montana Area Command by the involved Agency Administrators are:

- ❑ Firefighter and public safety will be the highest priority for all incidents within this area.
- ❑ Communicate messages for healthy forests, forest fuels, one of the Chief's four threats and the National Fire Plan.
- ❑ Cost-containment and operational efficiency must be considered in all fire management decisions.
- ❑ Support local units in initial attack.
- ❑ Within the assigned area, the Area Command will establish priorities, demobilization priorities, coordinate strategies, and allocate scarce resources.
- ❑ Maintain strong working relations with other agencies and key stakeholders involved with the incidents.

II. Area Command Management Philosophies *(would be found on ICS AC 202 form)*

- ❑ Equal authority for all Area Commanders. One speaks for all.
- ❑ 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 report demands on IC's. Basic map and IC's 209s will meet most needs.
- ❑ 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.

III. Area Command Organization Chart
(would be found on ICS AC 207 form)



IV. Area Command Daily Activities for August 23, 2003 *(would be found on ICS AC 230 form)*

To accomplish the goals of providing strategic direction to incident management teams, complete long-term fire assessments, set priority setting, aid incident planning, allocate resources, and ensure up-to-date information sharing with Agency Administrators, Area Command has established the following daily schedule of activities:

0600	Area Command Team Meeting	AC Staff
0730	AC/IMT IC Conference Call	AC Staff
0830	AC/GMAC Conference Call	AC Staff
1000	AC/Agency Administrator Conference Call	ACAC, AACP, AACL
1000	R1/AC Aviation Conference Call	AC Aviation Splst.
1100	MAC Planning Conference Call	ACAC, AACP, RESL
1100	AC Information Call	PIO, ACAC
1300	AC/GMAC Plans Conference Call	ACAC, AACP, RESL
1500	NR Information Center Conference Call	ACAC, PIO
1700	AC/Logistics Conference Call	AACL, FACL, SUPL
1800	209s Submitted from IMTs	IC's
1900	Review Incident Priorities	AC Staff
2030	AC/IMT IC Conference	AC Staff
2100	Team Debrief/Review	AC Staff

V. Area Command Daily Conference Call Agendas *(found in IMH – but additions could be listed here)*

A. Morning AC/IMT IC Conference Call:

Geographic Area/National Update

Summary by Fire:

- Situational Update
- Major Events
- Structure Protection
- Evacuations
- Closures
- Injuries/Accidents
- Cost Reduction
- Next 24 Hours
- Resource Needs
- Critical Needs

AC Functional Area Review

Area Commanders Summary

Review of Priorities and Decisions/Follow-up Needs

B. Evening AC/IMT Conference Call

Geographic Area/National Update

Updated Situation by Fire Only report new information not on the 209

- ❑ Situational Update
- ❑ Major Events
- ❑ Structure Protection
- ❑ Evacuations
- ❑ Closures
- ❑ Injuries/Accidents
- ❑ Cost Reduction
- ❑ Next 24 Hours
- ❑ Resource Needs
- ❑ Critical Needs

AC Functional Area Review

Review of Priorities and Decisions/Follow-up Needs

C. NRMAC Conference Calls

Incident Priorities

Significant Events since last ICS 209

Structures threatened within 12-24 hours

Accidents, Injuries

Critical needs that could be met within the GACC

D. AC/Agency Administrators Conference Call

Roll Call

Situation Update

Area Command Staff Update

- Logistics
- Aviation
- Plans
- Information

Agency Administrators

- State
- USFS
- NPS

Area Commander

VI. General Information

The Central Montana Area Command was organized on August 18, 2003 to meet fire management needs in Central Montana. Agencies involved in this Area Command organization include the USDA Forest Service (Caribou-Targhee, Helena, Beaverhead/Deerlodge, Gallatin, Lewis & Clark, and Custer National Forests); National Park Service (Yellowstone National Park); Bureau of Land Management (Dillon and Butte Field Offices); and the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Southern Area, Central Area, Southwest Land Office).

VII. Fires associated with this Area Command

Incident Name/ IC Name	Acreage	Situation	ICP Location	Cost to Date
Lincoln Complex	33,252	10 mi. W of Lincoln , MT. Stonewall & Beaver Creek areas evacuated		2.5 M
Winslow	10,115	5 mi. SW of Lakeview, MT. Community of Lakeview is under evacuation notice. Structure protection in place for 20 residences & one commercial property		2.1 M
East/Grizzly	20,500	10 mi. East of Fishing Bridge Junction, WY. East entrance to Park is closed. Fire pushed to east shore of lake & towards community of Fishing Bridge. Structure protection in place for 5 residences & 30 commercial properties		3.2 M
Rough Draw Complex	2,675	5 mi. SE of Livingston, MT. Comprised of: Rough Draw, Slippery Creek, Speculator1 & 2 and Hawley fires. Structure protection in place for 18 residences and one commercial property		4.7 M
Cathedral Peak	1,230	10 mi. S. Nye, MT. Stillwater Mine Complex threatened. Structure protection in place for 50 residences & 1 commercial property		2.1 M
Burnt Ridge/Sheep Camp Complex	1,688	12 mi. SW of Neihart (Ant Park Fire), threat to powerlines and old growth forest; Sheep Camp Fire is threat to private property		1.3 M

Contact List: *(would be found on ICS AC 205 form)*