

APPENDIX P – Current Delegations of Authority



Lassen Volcanic National Park
Fire & Aviation Management
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Memorandum

March 17th, 2022

To: Mike Klimek, LAVO Fire Management Officer

From: Jim Richardson
Superintendent, Lassen Volcanic National Park

Subject: Delegation of Authority for Fire Management Officer

Mike Klimek, Fire Management Officer for Lassen Volcanic National Park is delegated authority to act on my behalf for the following duties and actions:

1. Represent Lassen Volcanic National Park in Northern California Operations (NOPS) Partnership in setting priorities and allocating resources for fire emergencies.
2. Monitor unit incident activity for compliance with NPS safety policies
3. Coordinate all prescribed fire activities within Lassen Volcanic National Park and suspending all prescribed fires when conditions warrant.
4. Ensure that only fully qualified personnel are used in wildland fire operations
5. Coordinate, preposition, set priorities send and order fire and aviation resources in response to current and anticipated zone fire conditions
6. Oversee and coordinate Lassen Volcanic National Park fire activities with Susanville Interagency Fire Center
7. Request and oversee distribution of severity funding for Lassen Volcanic National Park fire and aviation assets
8. Approve fire program requests of overtime, hazard pay and other premium pay
9. Ensure all incidents are managed in a safe and cost-effective manner
10. Keep unit agency administrator informed and coordinate, provide all fire and prevention information needs to inform internal and external publics with necessary information
11. Coordinate all fire funding accounts with the Fire Budget Analyst to assure National Park Service fire fiscal guidelines are adhered to and targets are met
12. As part of his collateral Unit Aviation Program Manager duties, approve and sign aviation Safety Plan and Flight requests
13. Approve Red Cards in accordance with RM-18/PM 310-1

14. Manage the Incident Qualification Certification System for park personnel
15. Authorized to hire Emergency Firefighters in accordance with the Department of Interior Pay Plan for Emergency Workers
16. Document all critical decisions and actions through the WFDSS process
17. Manage wildland fire within Lassen Volcanic National Park according to the approved Fire Management Plan
18. Provide technical aviation assistance and aviation leadership to Fire, Law Enforcement, SAR and Park Service/Incident Management Team personnel
19. Provide park aviation project support for the Park and adhere /update the Park Aviation Management Plan to include coordination between all park users
20. Represent Aviation for Lassen Volcanic National Park at interagency meetings with cooperators and bureaus/agencies
21. Represent Lassen Volcanic National Park during all Wildland Fire aviation operations. Provide support and oversight with fire and aviation incident management teams
22. Request assistance from the Regional Aviation Manager (RAM), or current aviation officer on aviation related issues that arise.

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Reference: Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations, Appendix C-1, Delegation for Field Office Fire Management Officers



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Subject: Limited Delegation of Authority for Duty Officer and Incident Commanders
Managing Wildland Fires in Lassen Volcanic National Park

By this memorandum, you are hereby delegated authority to manage incidents you are assigned to as an Incident Commander (IC) within Lassen Volcanic National Park.

Lassen Volcanic National Park is managed for resource preservation, wilderness values and public enjoyment. All natural caused ignitions occurring in Fire Management Unit P2 will be evaluated for the potential benefits to resources that natural fire may provide and the need to suppress the fire to protect life, property, and/or resources; this evaluation will occur before suppression efforts are initiated. Actions within Fire Management Unit P1 should support protection of developed areas and Park boundaries with a response that provides protection, reduces cost, increases safety and minimizes resource damage. See attached map of fire management unit boundaries.

My considerations for management of all wildfire incidents are as follows:

1. Provide for firefighter and public safety
2. Keep Superintendent, or acting informed of fire activity
3. Where practical, National Park Service policy is to use Minimum Impact Strategy and Tactics (MIST) necessary to achieve incident objectives without compromising firefighter or public safety as well as minimizing risk to values and improvements
4. Manage the fire cost effectively for the values at risk
5. IC's will monitor the effectiveness of planned strategies and tactics, and immediately alter firefighting activities on any part of a fire where such activities cannot be implemented safely

6. Be in contact with the Resource Advisor (READ). If a READ is not readily available or assigned, consult with the Fire Duty Officer, or Superintendent regarding potential resource concerns prior to implementing management actions.
7. Priorities in protecting natural and cultural resources include:
 - a. Preventing impairment of wilderness values
 - b. Preventing non-native plant introduction and spread
 - c. Protecting archaeological (prehistoric and historic) resources along fire lines by directing lines around known and identified sites
8. Provide training opportunities for Lassen Park personnel as well as integrate and utilize park staff to the greatest extent possible to strengthen organizational capabilities
9. In the event an incident surpasses the capability and qualification level of resources taking initial action and/or your IC rating, notify Susanville Interagency Fire Center and have a replacement IC ordered commensurate with the complexity level of the incident. Utilize the Risk and Complexity analysis worksheet found in the Redbook (NFES 2724) Appendix E to assess incident complexity. If the incident is being managed for resource benefits, consider using the operation needs assessment (ONA) to supplement the complexity analysis worksheet. The ONA is incorporated into the Wildland Fire Decision Support System.

As the Superintendent, I retain authority for:

1. Implementing and enforcing official closures and restrictions within the Park.
2. The use of dozers, road graders or other types of ground disturbing equipment within the park.
3. Operation of motorized vehicles off maintained roads within the park.

I have delegated to the Fire Duty Officer authority for:

1. Use of helicopters, including landing at existing Heli-spots
2. Operation of chainsaws, pumps and other hand operated powered tools
3. Delivery of smoke jumpers and cargo
4. Delivery of water or retardant by air tankers or helicopters where necessary to prevent damage to values or improvements and fire from spreading on to adjacent lands. Water is preferred, but retardant is authorized if there is an immediate threat to life, property or boundary if the values at risk outweigh the detrimental effects to resources.

These actions are prohibited by the Wilderness Act and should be avoided, but may be used if needed in an emergency and in consultation with a READ if critical to meet incident objectives.

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