

## **V. ORGANIZATIONAL AND BUDGETARY PARAMETERS**

### **A. Organizational Structure**

The park is located within the Intermountain Region of the National Park Service (NPS) and is supported by the Intermountain Regional Office. Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP) is one of four primary FIREPRO parks in the “Rocky Mountain Cluster” of the Intermountain Region.

RMNP is the primary park in the Colorado Front Range Park Group which currently includes Great Sand Dunes National Monument and Preserve, Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site, and Bent’s Old Fort National Historical Site, as well as Rocky Mountain National Park. The park group is established based on a number of elements including location, program complexity, and related attributes. The FIREPRO analysis process recognizes this park group. RMNP is the host park for the Alpine Interagency Hotshot Crew, a national resource specialized in wildland fire tactical operations and certified annually as a Type 1 Hotshot crew. Funding to conduct individual fuels management projects and activities is requested annually using the National Fire Plan Operations and Reporting System (NFPORS) process.

At RMNP, the Division of Natural Resource Management is the lead division for all wildland fire management and fuels management activities in the park, and thus, is responsible for preparedness, suppression, hazard fuel reduction, prescribed fire implementation, and managing wildland fires for resource benefits.

However, fire management activities, like numerous park programs, must by necessity be supported by all park divisions. The complexity and magnitude of the fire management program at the park requires the participation of many employees to accomplish the fire management goals. This plan identifies the positions needed to conduct an effective fire management program.

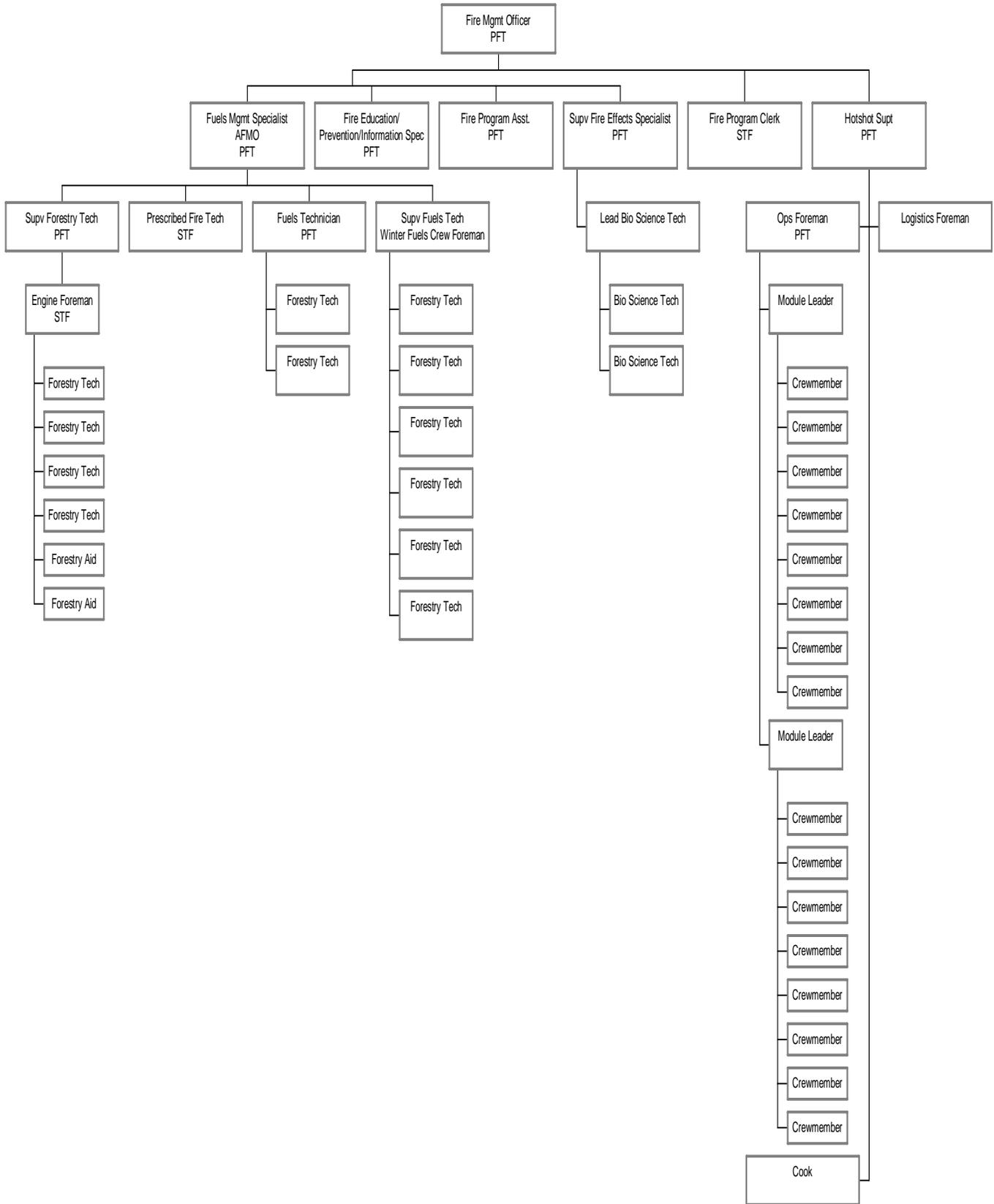


Figure 18. RMNP Organizational Chart

## B. Role and Responsibilities of Primary Fire Management Positions

### Fire Management Officer

- Plans and manages a professional, comprehensive and complex wildland fire management program for RMNP and the Colorado Front Range Group.
- Provides supervision and leadership to all elements of the fire management program, and ensures that these actions are coordinated with various internal and external cooperators

### Fuels Management Specialist

- Plans and develops a comprehensive fuels management program that addresses the natural role of fire in ecosystems and hazardous fuels accumulations that threaten values at risk.
- Supervises personnel responsible for implementation of the wildland fire and fuels management program including hazardous fuels treatment, prescribed fire, wildland fire use, and fire suppression activities.
- Provides support and leadership to the daily operation of the fire management program as the Assistant FMO.

### Fuels Technician

- Assists Fuels Specialist with planning and implementation of the fuels management program.
- Records accomplishments of non-fire fuels management activities.
- Assists the Fuels Management Specialist with non-fire fuels activities including annual updates of park fuels management plan, creation of annual work schedules and targets, and proposal/work-plan writing.
- Provides technical oversight to project implementation and leadership to on-the-ground workforce.
- Provides assistance with fire fuels activities and daily fire management activities as needed.

### Prescribed Fire Technician (Vacant)

- Assists Fuels Specialist with planning and implementation of the fuels management program.
- Completes and submits smoke management paperwork (permit applications and accomplishment reporting) for broadcast burns and pile burning.
- Assists Fuels Specialist with prescribed burn activities including annual updates of park fuels management plan, proposal writing, burn plan writing, and weather and fuels monitoring.
- Provides technical oversight to project implementation and assists with project scheduling and resource needs.
- Provides assistance with non-fire fuels activities and daily fire management activities as needed.

### Fire Crew Supervisor

- Provides leadership and supervision to a crew of three to five individuals with primary responsibilities of wildland fire preparedness and suppression.
- Assists the Fuels Management Specialist in planning and implementation of fuel treatment projects.
- Coordinates and instructs basic fire classes (including Saws, Pumps, ICS and Annual Fire Safety Refreshers) to the fire crew and other park employees.
- Serves as fire cache manager.

### Engine Foreman

- Provides leadership to a crew of three to five individuals with primary responsibilities of wildland fire preparedness and suppression.
- Is the primary individual responsible for the inspection, readiness, and operation of wildland fire engine(s).
- Assists the Fuels Management Specialist in planning and implementation of fuel treatment projects.
- Coordinates and instructs basic fire classes (including Saws, Pumps, ICS and Annual Fire Safety Refreshers) to the fire crew and other park employees.
- Responsible for supporting the upkeep of the fire cache.

#### Forestry Technician(s) and Forestry Aid(s)

- Support the Engine Foreman in the readiness and operation of wildland fire engine(s).
- Safely implements fuels treatment projects.
- Safely maintains and utilizes powersaws, pumps, and handtools

#### Fire Effects Specialist

- Performs a variety of fire management analyses and technical support functions, including supervision and training of other employees in the collection, inventory, processing, and reporting of data for parks' vegetation and fire monitoring programs, and provides comprehensive data analyses to fire and resource managers.
- Provides leadership and supervision to a crew of three to five individuals with primary responsibilities of fire effects monitoring.
- Develops and maintains Fire Monitoring Plans at each park in the fire management cluster.
- Maintains a thorough knowledge of current literature in the fields of fire ecology and fire effects.

#### Lead Biological Science Technician

- Establishes monitoring plots in a variety of vegetation/fuel types in accordance with established guidelines.
- Conducts monitoring through established sampling procedures; and makes field observations of resource conditions.
- Collects and reports live and dead fuel loading, fuel moistures, as well as fire behavior and weather data relating to prescription elements.
- As assigned, leads fire effects monitoring crew in above duties.

#### Biological Science Technician(s)

- Establishes monitoring plots in a variety of vegetation/fuel types in accordance with established guidelines.
- Monitors fire effects plots and makes field observations of resource conditions.
- Collects and reports live and dead fuel loading, fuel moistures, as well as fire behavior and weather data relating to prescription elements.

#### Fire Education/Prevention/Information Specialist

- Coordinates the internal and external fire information, education and prevention programs.
- Emphasizes the key program components, which include wildland fire management and the role of fire in the ecosystem; fire education and prevention activities; hazard fuel reduction programs; wildland-urban interface issues; prescribed fire and wildland fire use and response to critical events, issues and initiatives.
- Provides and/or facilitates overall fire education and information programs and activities for the local communities, the news media and the general public in the form of meetings, newsletters, events, programs, and notifies park staff of fire management activities that effect the operation of the park.

#### Fire Program Assistant

- Responsible for tracking the annual FIREPRO budget using the current fiscal management programs; initiates personnel actions; processes time and attendance reports; prepares travel authorizations and travel vouchers.
- Coordinates all wildland fire training in the park; maintains and updates fire experience and training records for park personnel in the SACS and/or IQCS qualifications systems; prepares Red Cards and Position Task Books, within guidelines of NWCG 310-1 and DOI procedures.
- Requisitions any out-of-park aircraft, fire crews, or fire resources needed for fire suppression using the Resource Ordering Status System (ROSS); coordinates the dispatch of park personnel to provide assistance to other parks and agencies; coordinates interdivisional planning and operations for all wildland and prescribed fire activities.
- Serves as the subject matter expert on fire business guidelines.
- As qualified, participates in incident management and fuels management activities.

#### Fire Program Clerk

- Prepares travel and training documents.
- Inputs Individual Fire Reports (DI-1202) into the DOI- Shared Applications Computer System (SACS).
- Maintains and updates fire qualifications for the Alpine Interagency Hotshot Crew into the SACS and/or IQCS.
- Requisitions any out-of-park aircraft, fire crews, or fire resources needed for fire suppression using ROSS; coordinates the dispatch of park personnel to provide assistance to other parks and agencies; coordinates interdivisional planning and operations for all wildland and prescribed fire activities.
- As qualified, participates in various fire management activities.

#### Interagency Hotshot Crew Superintendent

- Provides leadership and supervision to the Alpine Interagency Hotshot Crew (IHC).
- Ensures the safety and effectiveness of the crew.
- Works to meet the primary mission of the IHC, which is to provide a safe, professional, mobile, and highly skilled hand crew for all phases of wildland fire and prescribed fire operations.
- Plans and manages all aspects of the Alpine IHC program.

### C. FIREPRO Funding

The budget analysis tool currently used by the NPS is FIREPRO. The majority of the positions within the currently existing program are justified under the analysis, with the exception of positions approved by the Intermountain Regional Office and Fire Management Leadership Board.

All personnel working in FIREPRO funded positions will actively work to meet or exceed the specialized experience, incident management qualifications (as defined in the Wildland and Prescribed Fire Qualifications System Guide, PMS 310-1), required training, and developmental training as identified in the "Interagency Fire Program Management Qualifications Standards and Guide" (FFALC, 2000).

### D. Fire Management Program Responsibilities

The Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (Red Book) identifies the National Park Service Program Organization and Responsibilities. Fire management in the park is ultimately the responsibility of the Superintendent. The Superintendent is responsible to the Regional Director for the safe and efficient implementation of fire management activities with other agencies or landowners in accordance with delegations of authorities. The Superintendent will meet the required elements outlined in the Management Performance Requirements for Fire Operations (Red Book, Chapter 3, 2004 edition) His/her duties, with assistance from the Deputy Superintendent, include the following:

- Ensures that the program is managed within Departmental and Park Service policy, the Service's Wildland Fire Management Guidelines (Directors Orders #18), and all relevant legal compliance requirements
- Responsible for periodic assessment signature to certify that continued management of wildland fire use actions is acceptable. The Superintendent may delegate this responsibility to another organizational level.
- Ensures that a comprehensive fire management program at the park is adequately planned and implemented, and that the Fire Management Plan is reviewed annually and revised as necessary.
- Approves individual prescribed burn plans and ensure that hazard fuel reduction plans are completed.

- Ensures that adequate suppression capability and training is maintained to provide an adequate supply of qualified personnel to handle a normal fire year.
- Ensures that both an appropriate delegation of authority and transfer of command package are prepared for wildland fire Incident Management Teams.
- Maintains public and media relations pertaining to wildland fire, prescribed fire, and fuels management activities.
- Ensures effective cooperative relationships with other fire entities, adjacent landowners and inholders.
- Ensures the implementation of a viable and effective fire prevention program.

The Chief of Natural Resource Management is responsible to the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent for providing leadership and guidance to the Fire Management Officer. He/she:

- Recommends approval of the Fire Management Plan to the Superintendent through the Deputy Superintendent.
- Assists the FMO in coordination of fire management activities with other park divisions.
- Briefs the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, and others on current fire management activity.
- Consults with Research Program Coordinator on any fire-related research proposals or recommendations.
- Reviews project proposals and prescribed fire plans.
- Facilitates intra-divisional coordination of fire management actions with key personnel.
- Provides division support for wildland and prescribed fire activities.

The Fire Management Officer (FMO) for RMNP is delegated authority to act on behalf of the Superintendent for the following duties and actions related to wildland fire management and fuels management activities. He/she:

- Represents RMNP in the local Multi-Agency Coordinating Group in setting priorities and allocating resources for fire emergencies.
- Coordinates all prescribed fire activities in RMNP, in accordance with approved plans.
- Formulates work plans and directs the implementation of non-fire fuels management activities in accordance with approved project proposals.
- Assures that only fully qualified personnel are used in wildland fire operations.
- Coordinates, prepositions, sends and orders fire and aviation resources in response to current and anticipated fire conditions.
- Coordinates with the Fort Collins Interagency Dispatch Center on behalf of RMNP.
- Requests and oversees distribution of severity funding for park wildland fire activities.

- Reviews and approves fire program requests of overtime, hazard pay and other premium pay for work performed on wildland fires.
- Authorizes the use of management directed time-off to ensure the well being and safety of wildland fire personnel, as specified in the Interagency Incident Management Handbook.
- Ensures all incidents are managed in a safe and cost-effective manner.
- Coordinates and provides all fire and prevention information needs to inform internal and external individuals with necessary information.
- Coordinates all fire funding accounts with the Budget Officer to assure agency and departmental fiscal guidelines are adhered to.
- Participates as a member of the park Aviation Steering Committee.
- Approves Red Cards and initiates taskbooks in accordance with NWCG, NPS, guidance identified in the “Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations”.
- Authorizes the hiring of Emergency Firefighters in accordance with the Department of Interior Pay Plan for Emergency Workers.
- Ensures that an Agency Representative is assigned to wildland fires to work between Park Superintendent and Incident Commander (IC) of an Incident Management Team.
- Recommends to Chief, Resource Protection and Visitor Management closure of areas or restriction of fire use when fire danger reaches critical levels.
- Prepares and revises Annual Operating Plans with Larimer, Grand, and Boulder Counties.
- Reviews and certifies individual fire reports required by the Department of the Interior.
- Coordinates with the Fire Education, Prevention and Information Specialist, as well as the Public Information Officer with news media activity related to Fire Management.
- Reviews and analyzes fire research recommendations, makes recommendations for additions or changes to the research program.
- Prepares and administers the Fire Management Plan.
- Provides overall direction for the annual fire program budget.
- Plans and develops fuels management actions, including wildland-urban interface hazard fuel reduction, ecosystem restoration projects, and all prescribed fire activities.
- For all wildland fires, serves as subject matter expert for all appropriate management strategies, including suppression strategies, ground and aerial tactics, and wildland fire use opportunities.
- For wildland fire use strategies, validates decision flowchart, analyzes implementation actions, prepares Wildland Fire Implementation Plan (WFIP), and recommends initial approval/daily assessment document to Park Superintendent.
- Prepares Wildland Fire Situation Analysis (WFSA) for any wildland fire suppression action that exceeds initial attack operations.
- Provides direction for all preparedness, prevention, detection, step-up, suppression, fire use, fire effects monitoring, fuel moisture sampling, and fuels management activities in the park.

- Supervises the Fire Education, Prevention, and Information Specialist, Fire Program Assistant, Fire Program Clerk, Fuels Management Specialist, Supervisory Fire Effects Specialist, and Alpine Hotshot Crew Superintendent.
- Assigns acting FMO during time of absence from park as necessary.
- Ensures that a Fire Duty Officer is assigned during the normal fire season. The Fire Duty Officer ensures that the staffing plan is met and provides technical assistance to Incident Commander(s) for incident management activities (safety, public information, operations, plans, finance, and logistics).

The Chief of Resource Protection and Visitor Management:

- Maintains responsibility for public safety and law enforcement activities during wildland and prescribed fires.
- Recommends to the Superintendent and enforces area closures for fire restrictions when fire danger reaches critical levels.
- Ensures that identified individuals within the Division of Resource Protection and Visitor Management are available, prepared, and qualified to perform fire duties as requested by the FMO.
- Provides personnel and equipment support to implement prescribed fire activities.

The District Rangers:

- Identify individuals or positions to support prescribed fire, initial attack activities within the park, and out-of-park mobilizations or mutual assistance wildland fires.
- Provide support for the fire management program by being available to consult with the FMO, designated Fire Duty Officer, and/or Incident Commander during all wildland fire and fuels management activities within the their District.
- Assist in the planning and implementation of prescribed fires, suppression of wildland fires, and management of wildland fires used for resource benefits, as available and qualified.
- Coordinate training needs with FMO.
- Once park is engaged in management of a wildland fire use activity, provides assistance to FMO with focus on visitor safety and management.
- Participate in park prevention, detection, fire investigation, and step-up activities during the normal fire season.
- Provide for and/or coordinate wildland fire cause determination.
- Provide for visitor safety and implement closures or evacuations as necessary.
- May participate in development of WFSA and WFIP for fires occurring in their respective districts.
- Coordinate fire restriction activities within their respective districts.
- In support of FMO, maintains positive working relationship with adjoining fire cooperators.

- Assigns acting District Ranger during time of absence from park as necessary.

The Park Communications Center:

- Dispatches all fire management resources to wildland fires, and records all radio traffic concerning fires.
- Serves as initial contact point for smoke and fire reports.
- Provides park-wide communications for initial attack according to the Initial Response Plan.
- Provides park-wide communications for extended attack until such time as relieved of those responsibilities.
- Broadcasts daily preparedness level, fire danger level, and all prescribed and wildland fire activity in the Morning Radio Report.
- Broadcasts fire related updates as circumstances dictate (i.e. red flag warnings and significant meteorological updates).
- Notify FMO of any unattended or illegal campfires which threaten to escape containment or have escaped containment and require a suppression response per agency standards
- Maintains records of Incident Commander and number/type of resources assigned, as well as locations of ongoing fires. Fire personnel are responsible to keep the dispatchers current on fire conditions and logistics.
- Collects all relevant information (i.e. location, ownership, character of smoke or fire behavior) on any reported fire.
- Relays incident management information to the designated Fire Duty Officer for his/her action and facilitates the dispatch process by relaying messages from the local interagency dispatch centers.
- Notifies the appropriate individuals on the staffing and response plan identified in Chapter IV of this plan.

All park employees are responsible for immediately reporting any possible fire, regardless of jurisdiction, to the Park Communications Center. During a potential wildland fire emergency, each park division will render all possible assistance, contributing personnel, equipment, and supplies.

The park will train and maintain a reserve of firefighters from the general staff for support of initial attack, extended attack, local/regional/national mobilization, and prescribed fire support. Fire management duties will be collateral to their primary responsibilities. All fire personnel assigned to wildland fires will meet agency and departmental standards, meet fitness qualifications required of their qualifications, and attend an eight-hour safety refresher each year.

As requested and available, the Division of Interpretation may assist in providing interpretive support to wildland and prescribed fires. Park interpreters will use appropriate interpretive media (i.e. signs, site bulletins, small exhibits) to communicate fire information to the public at visitor centers.

Public information regarding wildland fire and fuels management activities will be coordinated with the Public Information Officer. The Fire Education, Prevention, and Information Specialist will provide strategic direction and general guidance to fire information activities.

In addition, the Park Information Office will serve as a contact point for disseminating current fire information. On larger wildland fire incidents, Fire Information Officer(s) will be assigned to the

incident. In these instances, the park will identify a primary individual for public affairs, who will work directly with incident management personnel to ensure effective media communications.

#### E. Assigned Wildland and Prescribed Fire Operational Positions

A Fire Duty Officer (FDO) will be designated by the FMO on a daily basis during normal fire season. He/she will provide leadership to wildland fire response and incident management activities. The minimum qualification for the FDO will be ICT4. Duties of the FDO are normally rotated between the Fire Crew Supervisor, Fuels Management Specialist, Prescribed Fire Technician (unfunded) and Fuels Technician. The primary duty of the FDO is to ensure that elements of the Staffing Plan and Response Plan are met and that appropriate briefings are conducted for wildland fire personnel. In order to prepare for those actions, the FDO will evaluate fire weather information and determine the appropriate preparedness level and fire danger. The FDO is also responsible to assign a qualified Incident Commander to all wildland fires, ensure that a safe and effective initial response is conducted, provide guidance and support to the Incident Commander during all phases of incident management, and ensure that post-incident debriefings (After Action Reviews) are conducted. The FDO will maintain communication with the FMO during any initial response or incident management activities.

An Incident Commander will be assigned to all wildland fires, with qualifications commensurate with the fire complexity. During the initial response, the Incident Commander is responsible for the safety of fire personnel and the wildland fire management effort from assignment until the fire is declared out or he/she is replaced. The Incident Commander is responsible for sizing up the fire situation and implementing an appropriate management response. The Incident Commander will provide the initial fire size-up, the Individual Fire Report (DI-1202) and all fire-related time on Crew Time Reports to the Fire Management Office.

A Fire Use Manager will be assigned to all wildland fires being managed for resource benefits. The Fire Use Manager is responsible for all activities associated with managing the wildland fire until he/she transfers command of the fire or the fire is declared out. The Fire Use Manager will report to the FMO, or the designated Agency Representative as articulated in the Delegation of Authority executed by the Superintendent.

In the event that an Incident Management Team is ordered for a wildland fire, the Incident Commander will devise implementation tactics that are consistent with the Fire Management Plan, objectives and strategies contained in the Delegation of Authority, and other components as determined in the WFSA. He/she will remain aware of fire conditions, current and forecasted fire weather and burning indices, tactical progress and success, and the degree to which the fire meets resource management objectives.

A Prescribed Fire Burn Boss will be assigned to all prescribed fires by the FMO. The Burn Boss actively manages all phases of prescribed fires until he/she transfers command of the fire or the fire is declared out. The Prescribed Fire Burn Boss will report to the FMO or the Prescribed Fire Manager, if one is designated for the project. Out of park burn bosses will receive a delegation of authority from the Superintendent.

#### F. Interagency Coordination

The primary agencies cooperating with the park in fire management include:

- Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forest
- Routt National Forest
- Colorado State Forest Service
- Grand County Sheriff's Office
- Larimer County Sheriff's Office
- Larimer County Wildfire Mitigation Office
- Boulder County Sheriff's Office
- Grand Lake Fire Protection District
- Allenspark Fire Protection District

- Estes Park Volunteer Fire Department
- Glen Haven Volunteer Fire Department
- Bureau of Reclamation
- National Weather Service
- Colorado Department of Health – Air Pollution Control Division.

The FMO coordinates the park's fire management program with other agencies by acting as the park's primary representative at interagency meetings and by communicating with neighboring agencies during on-going fires.

## G. Interagency Contacts

Agency	Position Title	Phone Number
Arapaho and Roosevelt NF	Fire Staff Officer	970.498.1245
Arapaho and Roosevelt NF	Assistant Fire Staff Officer	970.498.1148
Arapaho and Roosevelt NF	Coordinator	970.498.1040
Arapaho and Roosevelt NF	Lead Dispatcher	970.498.1348
Arapaho and Roosevelt NF	District FMO – Canyon Lakes RD	970.498.1358
Arapaho and Roosevelt NF	District FMO – Boulder RD	303.541.2520
Arapaho and Roosevelt NF	District FMO – Sulfur RD	970.887.4134
Colorado State Forest Service	District Forester – Fort Collins	970.491.8440
Colorado State Forest Service	Fuels Specialist – Fort Collins	970.491.8445
Colorado State Forest Service	District Forester – Boulder	303.823.5774
Colorado State Forest Service	District Forester – Granby	970.887.3121
Larimer County	Sargent – Emergency Services	970.498.5300
Larimer County	Deputy – Emergency Services	970.498.5301
Larimer County	Deputy – Emergency Services	970.498.5302
Boulder County	Sargent – Emergency Services	303.441.3646
Boulder County	Sargent – Emergency Services	303.441.3625
Grand County	Lieutenant	970.723.3343
Grand Lake VFD	Chief	970.627.8428
Glenhaven VFD	Chief	970.586.4079
Estes Park VFD	Chief	970.577.0900
Allenspark VFD	Chief	303.747.2586

## H. Fire-Related Agreements

The park is located within the Rocky Mountain Geographic Area for interagency fire management activities. The Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center (RMACC) is located in Lakewood, Colorado. Further, local (also referred to as “zone”) interagency coordination and dispatching is handled by the Fort Collins Interagency Dispatch Center (FTC).

The NPS is a signatory to the Colorado Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement, which is a written commitment to fire management assistance and cooperation. This agreement also directs the individual counties of Colorado to prepare a countywide Annual Operating Plan (AOP) that addresses cooperation on a local level. An AOP is prepared each year for Larimer, Grand, and Boulder Counties.

In the State of Colorado, the county Sheriff is responsible for wildland fire suppression on private lands. Various fire protection districts adjoin the park, in which initial response to wildland fire is routinely conducted. The County Sheriff, or their designee, will become involved with the fire suppression activity if the incident increases in complexity beyond a Type 4 or Type 5 incident, or otherwise dictates the need. The various Volunteer Fire Departments (VFD) adjoining RMNP include Estes Park VFD, Glen Haven VFD, Allenspark FPD, and Grand Lake VFD. The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) is responsible for assisting private landowners with designing and implementing fuel treatment and other risk reduction activities.

The park is an active member of the Northern Front Range Wildland Fire Cooperators. This group is composed of representatives of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, RMNP, CSFS, Larimer County Sheriff's Department, Boulder County Sheriff's Department, the City of Boulder, and the Poudre Fire Authority. The purpose of this group is to provide a basis of cooperation among the various entities in all aspects of wildland fire management including prevention, education, training, suppression, and prescribed fire management. In addition, the park works closely with countywide fire management plans that are currently in-place in Larimer County and Grand County.

The park will supply five individuals to the Northern Colorado Type 2 interagency crew as agreed upon by the Northern Front Range Wildland Fire Cooperators Group. The composition of the five-person module from the park will be determined in advance of the dispatch and will target the development and experience level of park employees who have demonstrated a propensity for advancement in fireline tactical operations. These firefighters will be available for 14-day assignments, exclusive of travel.

The park is a member of the Front Range Fuels Treatment Partnership, which seeks to accelerate and coordinate fuel reduction actions on the Front Range of Colorado. This partnership, along with the National Fire Plan Coordinating Group of Colorado, forms the basis for statewide collaboration in fuels management. The core principles identified in "A Collaborative Approach for Reducing Wildland Fire Risks to Communities and the Environment: 10-year Comprehensive Strategy Implementation Plan" are incorporated into planning and implementation of fuels management projects at RMNP.

Copies of each of the previously mentioned agreements are located in the Fire Management Office. The Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for each county is updated annually. Equipment rental agreements and other wildland fire contracting details are updated annually and are located in the Fort Collins Interagency Dispatch Center.

## I. Delegation of Authority

In accordance with the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations, a delegation of authority is prepared on an annual basis. The delegation of authority will normally state that the Fire Management Officer for Rocky Mountain National Park is delegated the authority to act on behalf of the Park Superintendent for a certain range of duties and actions related to wildland fire management and fuels management activities.