

NFDRS2016 ROLLOUT ACTION PLAN

OCTOBER 2018
Operational Period
9/24-30/2018

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES

ICS 202

1 INCIDENT NAME

NFDRS ROLL OUT

2. DATE
PREPARED

9/21/18

3. TIME
PREPARED

1600

4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD (DATE/TIME)

9/24-30/18

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

Please review this document for accuracy and missing information. All changes need to be in by 1500 (CST) Friday of each week. Send changes to:

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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

ICS 202

9. PREPARED BY (PLANNING SECTION CHIEF)

/s/ David Berens – PSC1

10. APPROVED BY (INCIDENT COMMANDER)

/s/ Clint Cross – ANFDRS Chair

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5. Advanced NFDRS Steering Committee

Committee Role	Name	Agency
Chair	Clint Cross	USFS
Primary Member	JoAnne Ware	NAFRI
Primary Member	Bill Miller	NAFRI
Primary Member	Brian Maier	USFS
Primary Member	Chris Waters	Western States Rep
Primary Member	Linnea Keating	USFS
Primary Member	Steve Larrabee	BIA
Primary Member	Lindsey Curtin	USFS
Primary Member	Tim Howell	Eastern States Rep
Primary Member	Andrew Bailey	AGOL SME

6. NFDRS Fire Danger Sub Committee

Committee Role	Name	Agency
Chair	Jon Wallace	USFWS
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Primary Member	Clint Cross	USFS
Primary Member	Heath Hockenberry	NOAA
Primary Member	Matt Jolly	USFS-RMRS
Primary Member	Steve Larrabee	BIA
Primary Member	Karla Luttrell	BLM
Primary Member	Dan Mindar	NPS
Primary Member	Brad Smith	Eastern States Rep
Primary Member	Scott Swendsen	USFS
Primary Member	Tom St. Claire	BLM
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NIMO Safety	Tony Rivers
NIMO Information Officer	Judith Downing
NIMO Liaison	Mike Quesinberry
NIMO Plans	David Berens
NIMO Plans/Finance	Bonny Johnson
NIMO IT Support	Eric Martinez
Workshop Curriculum Dev	Jeffrey Kline
Comm Plan Implementation	Gary Jarvis

8. Agency Representatives and SME's

Fire Family Plus SME	Faith Ann Heinsch
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Rocky Mountains
Southwest
Great Basin
California
Pacific NW
Southern
Eastern
Alaska

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Flint Chaney/Scott Swendsen
Chuck Maxwell/Harold Riggs/William Basye
Shelby Law/Linda Chappell/Scott Tobler
Jana Luis/Dee Dee Cherry
Clint Albertson/NWCC Fire Planner/Fire Analyst
Allan Hepworth
Brian Schaffler/Ray Parrish/Steve Marion
Dave Whitmer/Tom St. Clair/Casey Boespflug

b. NFDRS 2016 Evaluation Group

Lead

Mark Pater/Jennifer Croft

c. Workshop Curriculum Development Group

Lead

Jeffrey Kline

d. Communication Plan Implementation Group

LEAD

Gary Jarvis/Judith Downing

e. Virtual Training – IT Support

LEAD

Eric Martinez

10.

GA ASSIGNMENT LIST

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7. CONTROL OPERATIONS
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1. BRANCH		2. GA Rocky Mountain		GA ASSIGNMENT LIST ICS 204				
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7. CONTROL OPERATIONS								
<p>Task: When feasible, begin comparing prototype outputs using the NFDRS 2016 model with outputs from the unit's current Fire Danger Operating Plan tools. Begin preparing to present prototype evaluation findings at the October 2-3, 2018 workshop in Tucson, AZ</p> <p>Purpose: Provide a working prototype example that can effectively assist with the development of a Fire Danger Operating Plan using the NFDRS 2016 model.</p> <p>End State: Have a working FDOP prototype in place. Begin refining or creating fire danger planning tools.</p>								
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concentrate on identifying differences between the new and current NFDRS models. While statistical analysis and correlations are vital—at this point, it's the model differences we seek 								
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/s/ David Berens PSC1			/s/ David Berens PSC1			9/21/18	1600	

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1. BRANCH <h2 style="text-align: center;">GROUP</h2>	2. Communication Plan Implementation	
3. INCIDENT NAME <h2 style="text-align: center;">NFDRS Roll Out</h2>	4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD Date: 9/24-30/2018 Time:	

5. OPERATIONS PERSONNEL		
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GA Cadre	EMAIL			

7. CONTROL OPERATIONS

8. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

9. DIVISION/GROUP COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY								
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1. BRANCH	Workshop Curriculum Development	GA ASSIGNMENT LIST ICS 204
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5. OPERATIONS PERSONNEL		
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7. CONTROL OPERATIONS
- Develop draft package by 10/01/2018
 - Final Package template by 11/1/2018 to include:
 - Powerpoint with notes
 - Videos
 - Termplate
 - Webinar Content

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1. BRANCH	Virtual Training/ IT Support	GA ASSIGNMENT LIST ICS 204
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5. OPERATIONS PERSONNEL		
Lead – Eric Martinez	epmartinez@fs.fed.us	951-315-3017

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7. CONTROL OPERATIONS

- **Assists with the virtual training program to facilitate training needs of personnel that are not able to attend workshops.**


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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 - June 2019
Major Hazards & Risks: Driving, Human Factors, Medical Emergencies	
<p>Driving: In most cases, driving will be the major risk for all personnel attending the Rollout Sessions. Highway and local traffic, unfamiliar areas and roads, weather conditions and human factors can create added risks.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Let's Add Human Factors.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Complacency: eating, drinking, texting, passengers' asleep, other distractions.➤ Daydreaming: Thinking of other work, home, rushing to arrive at your session to get it over with, big plans for leave time to be taken, etc. <p>It only takes a second of distraction to cause an accident, injury, or even worse, a fatality.</p> <p>Medical Emergencies - Do you know what to do in case of a medical emergency? Review the Medical Incident Report "8 Line" at the end of the IRPG. Your actions may save a life! Report any medical problem immediately to event organizers or dial "911". Have a plan for your Rollout session!</p>	
 <p>Someone is injured on the job every twenty seconds... His name is Doug.</p> <p>"Don't Be Like Doug"</p>	<h3>A Safe Culture</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communicate hazards to all resources• Openly discuss risks• Decide and implement mitigations as a group• Foster an environment of safety
Prepared by: Tony Rivers, SOF1, NIMO Safety Officer	

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							
GB	2/5-7/19	Salt Lake City, Utah	Shelby Law Linda Chappell	slaw@blm.gov lchappell@fs.fed.us	801-531-5320 801-625-5505	7-10	30-40
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	1/7-11/19	Sacramento CA McClellan	DeeDee Cherry	dcherry@fs.fed.us	530-227-2198		70
CA	2/4-8/19	Sacramento CA McClellan	DeeDee Cherry	dcherry@fs.fed.us	530-227-2198		70
CA	Fall 2019	Sacramento CA	DeeDee Cherry	dcherry@fs.fed.us	530-227-2198	***	
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.

** A kindly reminder to get this information compiled and sent to dhberens@fs.fed.us or bonitajohnson@fs.fed.us by 1600 each Friday.

*** Will need a cadre of instructors to assist with this session.