

Interim Direction for Wildland Fire Reporting

Criteria for Initializing and Updating ICS-209s

The Need for Interim Direction

The existing reporting requirements for initializing and updating the ICS-209 Incident Status Summary (100+ acres for timber fires, 300 acres for grass/brush fires) works well for incidents managed under a full suppression/perimeter control strategy. For long duration incidents, and particularly incidents with potential that have not yet reached the size necessary to initiate an ICS-209, the current reporting requirements are inadequate to meet the needs of the intelligence community and the decision-makers who depend on them.

Statement of Intent

Until sufficient and lasting revisions of the ICS-209 can be made, the intent of this interim direction is to consistently capture information on wildland fires, managed under strategies other than full suppression, that do not exceed reporting thresholds of the existing direction of the Interagency Mobilization Guide. The Interim Direction aims to strike a balance between the need for additional intelligence and additional workload.

Definitions

To provide for consistent reporting and continuity of meaning, the following definitions are provided:

Incident Strategy—Full Suppression/Perimeter Control: Strategy developed to achieve control of a fire and prevent it from exceeding a defined perimeter.

Incident Strategy—Point or Zone Protection/Limited Perimeter Control: A variety of suppression actions taken to protect a specific point or specific area from fire, usually by directing the fire movement away from these areas or around these areas.

This strategy would not result in a continuous control line around the fire.

Incident Strategy—Monitor / Confine / Contain: Management actions conforming to a monitoring strategy that periodically checks the fire to ensure it continues to meet objectives, and where no further action is taken; or a confine/contain strategy that includes monitoring plus varying types and intensities of operational actions to delay, direct or check fire spread

Actions taken are based on the values at risk and /or resource benefit opportunities identified in Land and Resource Management Plans

Significant Change Event: A forecasted, planned, or experienced event that affects incident management or operations. This includes but may not be limited to the following items:

- A critical fire weather event is forecast, such as a high haines index, dry cold front, etc; AND fire activity created by the event is expected to threaten, potentially threaten, or cause damage to values at risk;
- Sufficient increase in acres or activity (such as smoke production) to create public health or nuisance concerns;
- The incident strategy is modified;
- National shared resources are assigned or released, including IMTs;
- An accident, injury, or fatality occurs;
- The incident is declared contained or out;

Interim Wildland Fire Reporting Requirements

The Interim Reporting requirements listed below are minimum requirements intended for National implementation. Additional reporting requirements, i.e. mandatory completion of additional reporting blocks within the ICS-209, can be implemented to meet the needs of an incident or GACC. Interim Reporting Requirements are based on the incident strategies found in Block 6a of the ICS-209:

For incidents managed under a strategy of

Full Suppression/Perimeter Control: No changes. Continue to following current direction in Chapter 25 of the Interagency Mobilization Guide.

For incidents managed under a strategy other than Full Suppression/Perimeter Control, AND the incident is likely to remain active for a period greater than 72 hours, then for:

Monitor/Confine/Contain: create initial ICS-209; complete Blocks 1 thru 15 and Block 42, Remarks. If national shared resources are committed to the incident, Block 43 is also required.

Point or Zone Protection/Limited Perimeter Control: create initial ICS-209; complete Blocks 1 thru 15 and Block 42, Remarks. If national shared resources are committed to the incident, Block 43 is also required.

Wildland Fire Complexes w/Multiple Strategies: reporting for a wildland fire complex should follow the most restrictive reporting requirements of all the strategies listed above.

NOTE: Approval Information (Blocks 45-47) should be completed for all ICS-209's.

Criteria for Updating ICS-209's

Like the initial reporting requirements, Incident Status Summary Updates follow the incident strategy:

Full Suppression/Perimeter Control: No changes. Continue to following current direction in Chapter 25.1A of the Interagency Mobilization Guide.

Monitor/Confine/Contain and Point or Zone Protection/Limited Perimeter Control: Update after or in anticipation of a significant change event. Otherwise, updates will be reported weekly, by the end of the operational period Thursday, unless more stringent guidelines are specified by the Geographic Area Interagency Mobilization Guide.

The ICS-209 blocks highlighted in Yellow (below) meet the minimum National Interim Fire Reporting Requirements for incidents managed under Monitor/Confine/Contain or Point or Zone Protection/Limited Perimeter Control strategies. Block 43 has been added, though its requirement is conditional on the assignment of National Shared Resources to the incident.

Incident Status Summary (ICS-209)

1: Date	2: Time	3: Initial	Update	Final	4: Incident Number	5: Incident Name
6: Incident Kind/Strategy	7: Start Date Time	8: Cause	9: Incident Commander	10: Incident Command Organization	11: State-Unit	
12: County	13: Latitude and Longitude Lat: Long: Ownership at Origin:		14: Short Location Description (in reference to nearest town):			
15: Size/Area Involved	16: % Contained or MMA	17: Expected Containment Date:	18: Line to Build	19: Estimated Costs to Date	20: Declared Controlled Date: Time:	
21: Injuries this Reporting Period:	22: Injuries to Date:	23: Fatalities	24: Structure Information			
			Type of Structure	# Threatened	# Damaged	# Destroyed
25: Threat to Human Life/Safety: Evacuation(s) in progress ---- No evacuation(s) imminent -- Potential future threat ----- No likely threat -----			Residence			
			Commercial Property			
			Outbuilding/Other			
26: Projected incident movement/spread in 12, 24, 48 and 72 hour time frames:						
12 hours:						
24 hours:						
48 hours:						
72 hours:						
27: Values at Risk: include communities, critical infrastructure, natural and cultural resources in 12, 24, 48 and 72 hour time frames:						
12 hours:						
24 hours:						
48 hours:						

72 hours:

28: Critical Resource Needs (amount, type, kind, and number of operational periods in priority order in 12, 24, 48 and 72 hour time frames): **ex. 3 CRW1 (4); 1 HEL1 (5);**

12 hours

24 hours:

48 hours:

72 hours:

29: Major problems and concerns (control problems, social/political/economic concerns or impacts, etc.)
 Relate critical resources needs identified above to the Incident Action Plan.

30: Observed Weather for current operational period:

Wind Direction:	Wind Speed (mph):	Peak Gusts:
Max. Temperature:	Min. Relative Humidity:	

31: Fuels/Materials Involved: A drop down box with the 13 Fire Behavior Fuel Models has been added. The incident would select the predominant fuel model with the option to include additional fuels information in the text box.

32: Today's observed fire behavior (leave blank for non-fire events):

33: Significant events today (closures, evacuations, significant progress made, etc.):

34: Forecasted Weather for next operational period:

Wind Speed (mph):	Temperature:
Wind Direction:	Relative Humidity:

35: Estimated Control Date and Time:	36: Projected Final Size:	37: Estimated Final Cost:
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38: Actions planned for next operational period:

39: For fire incidents, describe resistance to control in terms of:

1. Growth Potential -
2. Difficulty of Terrain -

40: Given the current constraints, when will the chosen management strategy succeed?

41: Projected demobilization start date:

42: Remarks:

43: Committed Resources

Agency	CRW1		CRW2		HEL1	HEL2	HEL3	ENGS		DOZR		WTDR	OVHD	Camp Crews	Total Personnel
	SR	ST	SR	ST	SR	SR	SR	SR	ST	SR	ST	SR	SR		
Total															

44: Cooperating and Assisting Agencies Not Listed Above:

Approval Information

45: Prepared by:	46: Approved by:	47: Sent to Date:	By:
			Time:

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