

A Part of the:

**2005 Annual Operating Plan  
for  
The Utah Cooperative Fire Management Agreement**

Between the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands; the US Forest Service; and the US Department of Interior land management agencies in the State of Utah (Forest Service agreement # 01-FI11046000-018 and FY2005 Forest Service Agreement tracking # 05-FI-1104-6000-103).

**This Operating Plan** regarding the Interagency **Lone Peak Hotshot** program is made by and between the STATE OF UTAH, DIVISION OF FORESTRY, FIRE & STATE LANDS (FFSL), a state agency having its offices at 1594 West North Temple, Suite 3520, Salt Lake City, Utah 84414 and the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE, INTERMOUNTAIN REGION (Forest Service) having its offices at 324 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Ogden, UT 84401.

The 2001 Cooperative Fire Management Agreement described above, in accordance with all its supporting authorities, provides the authority and foundation for this Plan (Clause 13. Annual Operating Plans).

**I. Purpose**

The Forest Service and FFSL have a common need for Type I handcrews to perform wildfire suppression and to support fuel treatment projects in Utah and throughout the nation. This operating plan provides for the two agencies to jointly share in the costs of organizing, training and managing a Type I crew, which can serve the needs of the partners as well as be available to other cooperators.

**II. Statement of Mutual Benefit**

Type I crews have been in high demand for several seasons for both the State and for the Forest Service. Type I handcrew capabilities have been key for both fire suppression work and for performing hazard mitigation projects, especially with the increased mitigation activities generated with the National Fire Plan for both agencies.

Shared support of a Type I crew is mutually beneficial to the two agencies. Such a crew will be available to perform projects for both agencies and respond with Type I capability to wildland fire incidents throughout the Nation. Although the costs for support to projects and wildland fires can be recovered from benefiting agencies, the costs for training and managing the crew to assure availability must be covered by hosting agencies. The objective and purpose for this crew is to be available to the agencies for a full 6 month period, two to three months longer than the typical Type I crew. This will give both agencies a greater opportunity to have a crew available to support Utah fuel projects outside the general Great Basin Fire Season.

Total annual costs necessary to guarantee availability of a crew for this period is estimated at approximately \$650,000. Historically, the crew has spent over 80% of its time on Federal fires and projects. For FY2005, the Forest Service will provide \$337,500 to cover approximately 52%

of the costs to meet availability of the crew for the established field season. This amount is a 10% reduction from FY2004 due to an “across-the-board” cut in USFS appropriated fire protection funds. The State has facilities, resources and leadership skills capable of managing the crew throughout the period and has demonstrated ability to do so. Both agencies will benefit by having a fully qualified crew for an extended period. Neither agency has the resources individually or single handedly, to maintain such a crew for the established time period. Sharing the obligations to support the crew as described herein will be commensurate with the benefits each agency can expect from this arrangement.

### **III. Statement of Work**

Now, therefore, the parties agree to the following for their mutual benefit:

The State (FFSL) Agrees to:

1. Organize and manage a Type I Interagency Hotshot Crew (IHC), the Lone Peak Hotshots, to be available nationally for a six month season. Submit to a mobilization review as outlined in the IHC operations guide appendix C (rev.2004). Not meeting all of the requirements in Appendix C before or during the availability period will cause the crew to be designated as an IHC (t).
2. Notify the Geographic Area Coordination Center regarding crew certification of initial availability and changes that might occur during the availability period.
3. Assure availability of the crew for participating as a National Resource, available for assignment anywhere needed within the area covered by the parent agreement.
4. Bill the Forest Service for its share of annual program costs up to \$337,500. The cumulative employee base-eight costs incurred on federal land fires and all out of state fires occurring between June 1, 2005 and September 30, 2005 will be deducted from the Forest Service commitment. A billing for shared program costs less base-eight deductions incurred June 1 – August 31, and estimated deductions for September but not billed, will be due by September 20, 2005. Invoices will show the Forest Service share of anticipated annual costs less incident related base-eight costs broken down by “P”code. Final Billing under this Annual Operating Plan must be submitted no later than December 30, 2005.
5. Lone Peak IHC program costs covered under this plan include personnel expenses, training costs, program current expenses, public communications and other costs that correspond to the annual management of the Lone Peak hotshot program for the State fiscal year 2006.

**Invoices should be submitted to:**

**Original to:**

**USDA Forest Service  
Albuquerque Service Center  
Payments – Grants and Agreements  
101B Sun Ave NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109**

**The Customer Service number to call for questions on payments is:**

**Phone 877-FS-ASC-48 (877-372-7248)**

**Fax 505-563-7995**

**Copy to:**

**U.S. Forest Service  
Wasatch-Cache National Forest  
ATTN: Budget and Finance  
Federal Building # 8236  
125 S. State Street  
Salt Lake City, UT 84138**

**Copy to:**

**U.S. Forest Service  
Intermountain Region  
Ken Kiser, Fire Management  
324 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ogden, UT 84401**

The Forest Service Agrees to:

Provide support funding in the amount of \$337,500 to cover approximately 52% of the anticipated costs for guaranteed availability for the agreed period. Funding up to \$337,500 will be provided to the State when billed less employee base-eight costs itemized by "P" code as agreed to in this Plan.

The Agencies Mutually Agree to the following:

1. During the months of October through May, employee base-eight hourly costs for crew support to Federal projects, including wildland fire suppression, will be charged to Federal agencies as a reimbursable expense and will not reduce the Forest Service commitment of supporting funds. During the months of June through September, the employee base-eight costs for the crew will be deducted from the initial \$337,500 support funding, when the crew is assigned to federal land wildfires in Utah or for any state or Federal agency wildland fire outside the state of Utah.
2. The employee base-eight costs and other related project costs would be charged to FFSL on Utah state and private land fires and all boundary line fires where Utah shares in the cost of the fire. For such fires the crew will be considered fully funded by the State and not a federal resource. There will be no deduction from the Forest Service funding commitment under the terms of this paragraph.
3. Utah will use the Lone Peak Hotshots to complete hazard reduction in communities at risk to wildland fire and for other unrelated project work in support of all agencies. The crew will be considered purely a State resource for all non-fire suppression projects. Federal, State and local benefiting agencies will reimburse the full costs of the crew for such project services performed during any time of the year as appropriately billed by FFSL. There will be no deduction from the Forest Service funding commitment under the terms of this paragraph.

4. Resource orders are related to an incident, preparedness, severity, and wildlands and prescribed fire. Non-incident related ordering (i.e. Hazard Fuels Reduction and Burned Area Rehabilitation Projects) will also be accepted under the terms of this plan and the Cooperative Fire Management Agreement following the task order procedures outlined in the FY2005 Annual Operating Plan.
5. Forest Service support funds up to \$337,500 contemplated under this plan were appropriated for the federal fiscal year 2005.
6. As a reference, the table below shows the Forest Service obligation in the preceding two years under a similar agreement for a 180 day availability Interagency Hotshot Crew.

<b>Forest Service Job Code</b>	<b>Federal Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Final Obligation</b>
WFPR4503/0462	2003	\$178,066
PRLP3004/0419	2004	\$224,117

This Annual Operating Plan is agreed to and executed as of the date of last signature below:

**JOEL FRANSEN**                      **Date**  
**Director/State Forester**  
**Utah Div. Forestry, Fire and State Lands**

**MIKE DUDLEY**                      **Date**  
**Director**  
**Fire, Aviation & Air Management**  
**Intermountain Region**

Forest Service Job Code:  
 WFPR3005/0419                      \$337,500

The authority and format of this instrument has been reviewed and approved for signature by:

**DORIS K. MACKEY**  
 Regional Grants & Agreements Specialist  
 Intermountain Region

Date