

OPERATING AGREEMENT for the MNF Soda Complex (Mill Fire) and MEU Mill Contingency.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE**

And

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
(CAL FIRE)**

The following is the operating agreement between the above named agencies as it was negotiated for the following incidents.

INCIDENT NAMES: Soda Complex (Mill Fire)
MEU Mill Contingency

INCIDENT NUMBERS BY AGENCY: USFS – Soda Complex – CA-MNF-000645
P5D8QZ 0508
CAL FIRE – MEU Mill Contingency –
CA-MEU-005603 (Mendocino Unit)

AGREEMENT START DATE & TIME: July 16, 2008 0700 Hours

JURISDICTIONS: USFS – Mendocino National Forest
CAL FIRE – Mendocino Unit

INCIDENT CAUSE: Lightning

COMMAND STRUCTURE: Unified Command

OPERATING PERIOD: Start: July 16, 2008 0700 Hours
End: July 25, 2008 0800 Hours

INCIDENT COMMANDER: Dave Fiorella, USFS, SoCal 3 (Soda Complex)
INCIDENT COMMANDER: William (Brad) Bradley, CAL FIRE (MEU Mill Contingency)

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES: USFS – Tom Contreras, USFS, Mendocino National
Forest
CAL FIRE – Marc Romero, Unit Chief, Mendocino Unit

UNIFIED ORDERING POINTS: USFS - Mendocino National Forest (Willows)
CAL FIRE – Howard Forest

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This operating agreement between the Department of Agriculture, United States Forest Service (USFS) and the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) was prepared under the following guidelines:

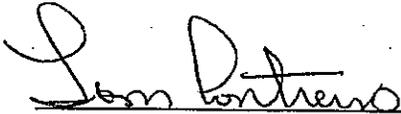
1. In accordance with the California Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (CFMA) between the USDA, Forest Service, USDI, Bureau of Land Management, USDI, National Park Service, USDI, Fish and Wildlife Service, USDI, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE).
2. Due to mutual benefit between the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and the Department of Agriculture, United States Forest Service, all USFS Soda Complex (CA-MNF-000645) assigned ground resources used within either DPA, are the financial responsibility of the USFS and will not be billed to or reimbursed by the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.
3. Due to mutual benefit between the Department of Agriculture, United States Forest Service and the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, all CAL FIRE MEU Mill Contingency (CA-MEU-005603) assigned ground resources used within either DPA, are the financial responsibility of CAL FIRE and will not be billed to or reimbursed by the Department of Agriculture, United States Forest Service.
4. All fixed wing aircraft and associated retardant costs used on the Soda Complex will be the financial responsibility of the Department of Agriculture, United States Forest Service and will not be billed to or reimbursed by the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.
5. All rotary wing aircraft and associated costs will be paid for by the ordering agency.
6. If anything unforeseen should occur related to the Mill Fire before being turned back to the respective units and that might have a significant financial impact to either agency, then by mutual consent, the operating agreement will be reevaluated.

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This operating agreement is our best judgment of agency cost responsibilities.

Tom Contreras
USDA, Forest Service

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DATE: 7/25/2008

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Attachments will follow, if applicable