

A Part of the:

**2011 Annual Operating Plan
For
The Utah Cooperative Fire Management Agreement**

Between the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands and the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (Forest Service Cooperative Fire Management Agreement, # 08-F1-11046000-012), **FY 2011 Forest Service Agreement tracking # 11-FI-11041914-012.**

This Operating Plan regarding the Interagency **Lone Peak Hotshot and Utah Fire Rescue Academy (UFRA) Type 2-IA** program is made by and between the STATE OF UTAH, DIVISION OF FORESTRY, FIRE, AND STATE LANDS (FFSL), a State agency having its offices at 1594 West North Temple, Suite 3520, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114 and the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE, UINTA-WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST (Forest Service) having its offices at 8236 Federal Building, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138.

The 2008 Cooperative Fire Management Agreement described above, in accordance with all its supporting authorities, provides the authority and foundation for this Plan (“Interagency Cooperation” section, clause 5 “Annual Operating Plans.”)

I. Purpose

The Forest Service and FFSL have a common need for Type 1 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, managing a Type 1 crew, and supporting the certification process for additional Interagency Hotshot Crews, 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 1 handcrew capabilities have been key for both fire suppression work and for performing hazard mitigation projects, especially with the increased mitigation activities generated from the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003 and/or the National Fire Plan, for both agencies.

Shared support of a Type 1 crews is mutually beneficial to the two agencies. Such crews will be available to perform projects for both agencies and respond with Type 1 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 Lone Peak Hotshots is to be available to the agencies for a 180-day period, two to three months longer than the typical Type 1 crew.

This will give both agencies a greater opportunity to have a crew available to support Utah fuels and wildland fire use projects outside the general Great Basin fire season. The objective and purpose for UFRA Type 2-IA, is to be available for 120 days, and begin the Interagency Hotshot Crew certification process in calendar year 2011.

Total annual budget necessary to guarantee availability of Lone Peak IHC and UFRA is estimated at approximately \$ 1,320,000.

For **FY 2011**, the Forest Service will provide **\$303,750** to cover approximately 23% of the annual budget of both crews. The State has facilities, resources, and leadership skills capable of managing the program throughout the period and has demonstrated ability to do so. Both agencies will benefit by having a fully qualified Type 1 crew for an extended period and share in the development and certification of an additional Type 1 crew.

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 1 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 *Standards for Interagency Hotshot Crew Operations (SIHCO)* Appendix C. Not meeting all of the requirements in Appendix C before or during the availability period will cause the crew to be re-stated per crew typing in the *Minimum Crew Standards for National Mobilization*.
2. Notify the Geographic Area Coordination Center (GACC) regarding Lone Peak IHC certification of initial availability and changes that might occur during the availability period.
3. Organize UFRA Type 2-IA with required staffing and minimum crew standards of Type 1 and allow the initial steps of peer review from other IHC's for certification. Work cooperatively with the GACC and local dispatch for adequate peer review assignments.
4. Assure availability of crews for participation as National Resources, available for assignment anywhere needed within the area covered by the parent Agreement.
5. Bill the Forest Service for its share of annual Lone Peak IHC costs up to **\$203,750** and annual UFRA costs up to **\$100,000**. The cumulative employee base-eight rates incurred on federal land fires and all out of state fires occurring between June 1, 2011 and August 31, 2011 will reduce the Forest Service commitment.
6. Shared program costs, less base-eight deductions incurred June 1 – August 31, will be tracked on a balance sheet.

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The balance sheet will show the Forest Service share of anticipated obligation less incident related base-eight rates broken down by "P" code submitted monthly and a final obligation determination submitted no later than September 15. Final Billing under this Annual Operating Plan must be submitted no later than December 31, 2011.

7. Lone Peak IHC and UFRA annual 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 and UFRA program for the State fiscal year 2011.

Invoices should be submitted to:

**Original to: U. S. Forest Service
Albuquerque Service Center
Payments—Grants and Agreements
101B Sun Ave NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
(877) 372-7248 (Customer Service Number)**

**Copies to: U. S. Forest Service
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest
ATTN: Budget
8236 Federal Building
125 South State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84138**

The Forest Service Agrees to:

Provide annual support funding in the amount of **\$303,750** to cover approximately 23% of the anticipated costs for guaranteed availability for both crews. Funding up to **\$303,750** will be provided to FSSL when a billing is received.

The Agencies Mutually Agree to the following:

1. During the months of September through May, Lone Peak IHC and UFRA employee base-eight hourly rates 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 August, the employee base-eight rates for Lone Peak IHC and UFRA will **NOT BE CHARGED** to the initial \$303,750 support funding when the crews are assigned to federal land wildfires in Utah or for any state or federal agency wildland fire outside the State of Utah.

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2. The employee base-eight rates and other related project costs for both crews 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 crews 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 and UFRA to complete hazard reduction in communities at risk to wildland fire. The crews 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 crews 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 all hazard incidents and fire funding sources including, preparedness, severity, and wildland fire. Non-incident related ordering (i.e. Hazard Fuels Reduction, Prescribed Fire, 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 FY 2011 Annual Operating Plan.
5. Forest Service support funds up to \$303,750 contemplated under this plan were appropriated for the federal fiscal year 2011.
6. Base-eight rates applied under terms of this agreement are used as a method to calculate a final Forest Service obligation, and does not infer budgeted personnel services for any specified time period.
7. The Standards for Interagency Hotshot Crew Operations Appendix C provides for the certification /decertification process. The terms of this Agreement will remain in effect if Lone Peak IHC is re-stated to a Type 2-IA during the initial review or throughout the availability period.
8. UFRA will initiate the IHC crew certification process under the terms of this agreement as described in Chapter 5 of the *SIHCO*.
9. As a reference, the table below shows the Forest Service's final obligation in the preceding three years under a similar agreement for the Lone Peak Interagency Hotshot Crew.

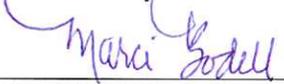
<u>Forest Service Job Code</u>	<u>Federal Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Final Obligation</u>
WFPR1908/0419	2008	\$11,332.00
WFPR1909/0419	2009	\$22,514.00
WFPR1910/0419	2010	\$ 3,828.00

10. PRINCIPAL CONTACTS. The principal contacts for this instrument are:

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



 Marci Bodell Date 4/20/2011
 Grants and Agreements Specialist

This 2011 Annual Operating Plan is agreed to and executed as of the date of last signature below:



 DICK BUEHLER Date 4.27.11
 Director/State Forester
 State of Utah
 Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands



 for BRIAN FEREBEE Date 4-29-11
 Forest Supervisor
 Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest

Forest Service Job Code:
WFPR1911 (0419) for \$303,750