Greening Fire Team Ambassador

Action Items that advance sustainability on incidents

Vision: Achieving net zero environmental impact on all large fire incidents by 2030
Mission: Integration of sustainability best management practices on incidents and within the fire community

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GFT Ambassadors are individuals with a desire to help advance sustainability Best Management Practices (BMPs) in incident operations. These interagency individuals act as force multipliers and further the GFT mission by participating in the GFT program at the “Level of Involvement” (LOI) that suits their interests, passions, and available time/resources.

Sustainable Leadership
- Visit the National GFT website to become knowledgeable about what the GFT is doing to promote sustainable BMPs on incidents.
- Attend GFT webinars, encourage others to attend GFT webinars, and share GFT webinar information with relevant contacts (e.g., Incident Business Specialists, Logistics Section Chiefs, Purchasing Agents, Fire Management Officers, etc).
- Share GFT official correspondence (e.g., emails, bulletins) with relevant contacts.
- Recruit other GFT Ambassadors.
- Educate your Unit’s Leadership Team and colleagues about the GFT and our mission.
- Coordinate with and educate local Green Team/Sustainable Operations Committees about options to reduce the environmental impact of incident business operations.
- Post (in coordination with Public Affairs) GFT signage on bulletin boards and make mention of sustainable operations in incident management during all employee meetings, morning briefings, etc.
- Provide feedback to the GFT about how to improve sustainable efforts associated with incident business by sending a message to the GFT Shared Inbox.
- Advocate for sustainability practices by applying knowledge, helping the IMT implement sustainability practices, communicating the “triple bottom line” benefits of incident sustainability measures to the IMT, and reporting successes or barriers to implementing sustainability practices to GFT.
- When applicable, seek permission from a GFT member to attend monthly GFT Team Meetings for information presentation and sharing.
- Advocate for and work towards the development of a Wildfire Sustainability Plan with the Logistics section that aligns with the GFT program. Share completed plans with GFT.

Waste Reduction
- Use re-usable water bottles whenever possible (and avoid single-use plastic); instead of sports drinks in plastic bottles, try electrolyte powder in your re-usable container.
- Use rechargeable batteries in radios.
- Participate in the fire camp recycling program (read the labels and keep the recyclables clean).
- Assist IMT in utilizing the On-site Incident Recycling Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) covering the Southwest, Northern and Southern California, and Northwest Geographic Area Coordination Centers (GACCs) or Incident Recycling Emergency Equipment Rental Agreement (if outside of these four GACCs).
- Assist in developing strategies to effectively manage compostable/food waste.

Water Conservation
- Reduce unnecessary vehicle washing and abatement and/or utilize gray water (if possible)

Fuel and Emissions Reduction
- Reduce unnecessary vehicle idling whenever possible.

Sustainable Acquisition
- Order, or advocate for ordering, “green” materials, equipment, and services when feasible (e.g., LED lighting equipment, solar electric/thermal handwash stations, etc)