

Snake River Valley Mutual Aid Agreement

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between the undersigned fire protection agencies and districts operating within the Snake River Valley region of the States of Idaho and Oregon, hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties."

WHEREAS:

1. The Parties are public fire protection agencies authorized under Idaho Code Title 31, Title 50, Title 67, and Oregon Revised Statutes Chapters 476 and 190 to provide fire suppression, emergency medical services, rescue, fire prevention, and related emergency services within their respective jurisdictions; and
2. Each Party is responsible for the protection of life, property, and the environment within its respective jurisdiction, including urban, rural, wildland, and wildland urban interface areas; and
3. Fire incidents, emergency medical events, natural disasters, and other emergencies often exceed the resources of a single agency and require rapid, coordinated, and efficient response from multiple agencies; and
4. The geographic proximity of the Parties and the intermingling of jurisdictions within the Snake River Valley create a mutual interest in cooperative emergency response; and
5. Idaho Code Section 67 2333 and Oregon Revised Statutes 190.010 and 476.510 authorize public agencies to enter into agreements for mutual assistance, including interstate cooperation for emergency services; and
6. The Parties recognize that coordinated response enhances responder safety, improves operational effectiveness, and minimizes impacts to the public, property, and the environment; and
7. The Parties desire to enter into this Agreement to provide for mutual aid and assistance during emergencies when requested and when resources are available.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

1. The Parties agree to furnish fire protection, emergency medical, rescue personnel, and equipment to one another as may be necessary to provide an effective response to fires, emergencies, disasters, or incidents beyond the immediate control of the requesting Party.
2. Mutual aid may be provided for initial attack incidents or for extended operations when the size, complexity, or severity of an incident requires assistance from one or more of the Parties.
3. Assistance under this Agreement shall be provided within the jurisdiction of any requesting Party, provided that no Party shall be required to reduce its own personnel,

equipment, or services to the extent that it jeopardizes its normal emergency response capabilities.

4. No response under this Agreement shall be made unless the request for assistance is received through established and recognized communication channels and is made by, or on behalf of, an authorized officer of the requesting Party.
5. The fire official or incident commander of the requesting jurisdiction shall retain overall command and control of the incident. Personnel and equipment responding under this Agreement shall operate under the incident command system in use and remain under the operational control of the requesting jurisdiction for the duration of the assignment.
6. Except as may be provided by a separate written agreement or reimbursement schedule, the assurance of mutual aid set forth herein shall constitute the sole consideration for the performance of this Agreement. No Party shall be obligated to reimburse another Party for personnel costs, equipment uses, damage, injury, or liability incurred while rendering assistance under this Agreement.
7. Certain specialized resources, including but not limited to aircraft, heavy equipment, specialized teams, or contract resources, may be excluded from this Agreement and may be made available pursuant to separate agreements or state and federal mobilization plans.
8. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for a period of five (5) years from the date of execution and shall automatically renew for successive five-year periods unless terminated by any Party upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other Parties.
9. Operational details, including but not limited to dispatch procedures, communication methods, authorized requesters, resource typing and staffing, and response protocols, shall be documented in an Operating Plan approved and signed by the Fire Chiefs or authorized officials of the participating agencies. The Operating Plan, as adopted, is incorporated herein by this reference.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officials as of the day and year first written below.

Chief _____

Agency _____

Mayor/Board _____