

MNDNR FIXED WING TANKER INBRIEF



WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

ATGS's

Pilots

SEMG's

Base personnel

MIFC staff

Others

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



MNDNR Divisions



Forestry

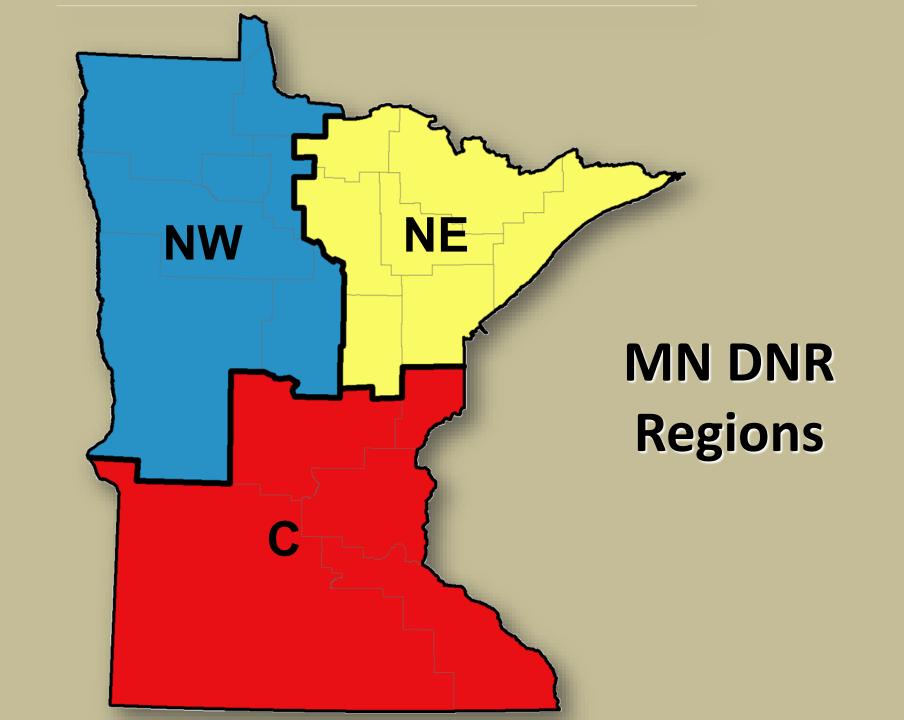
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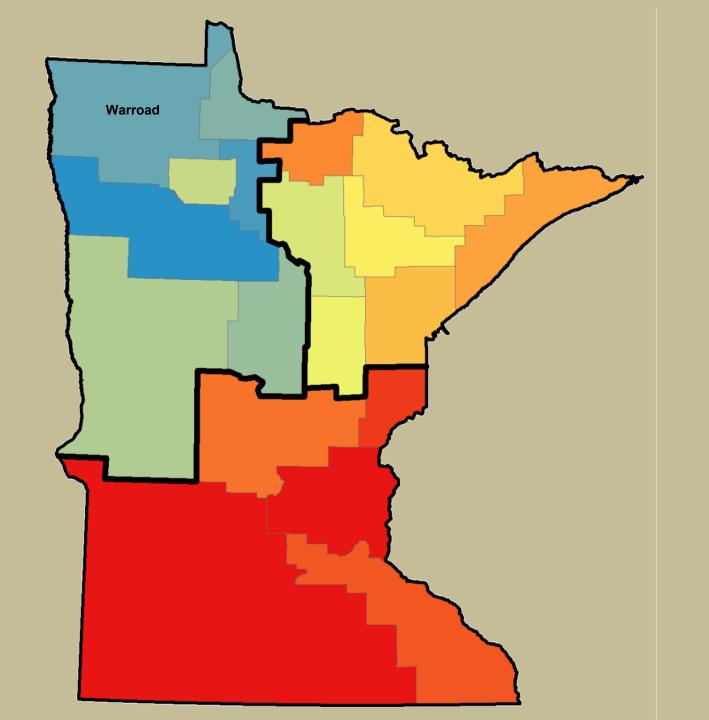
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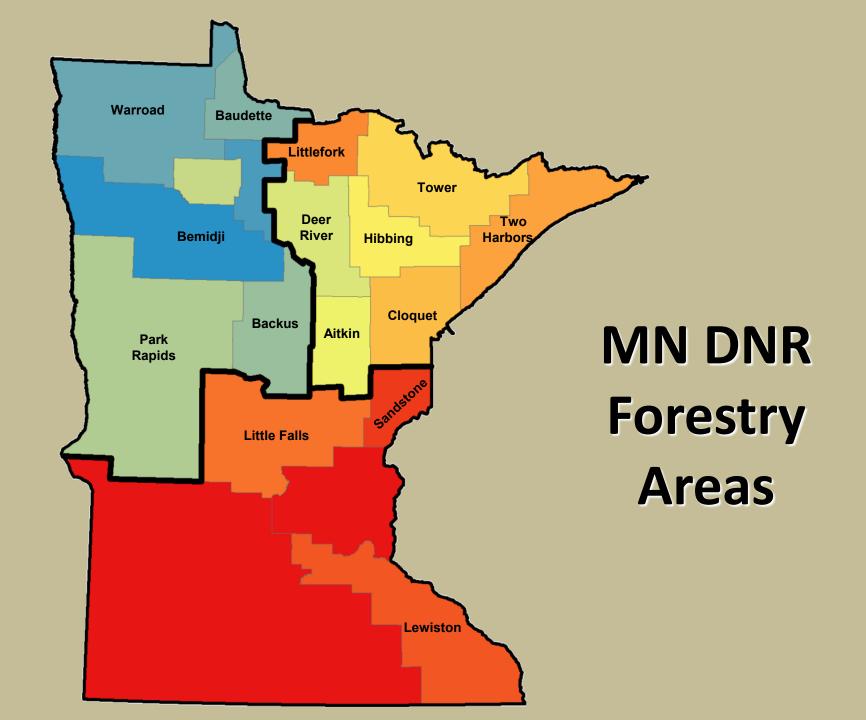
Ecological Resources and Waters

Enforcement

Lands and Minerals







MIFC – MNICS AGENCIES



DNR



USFS



BIA



USFWS

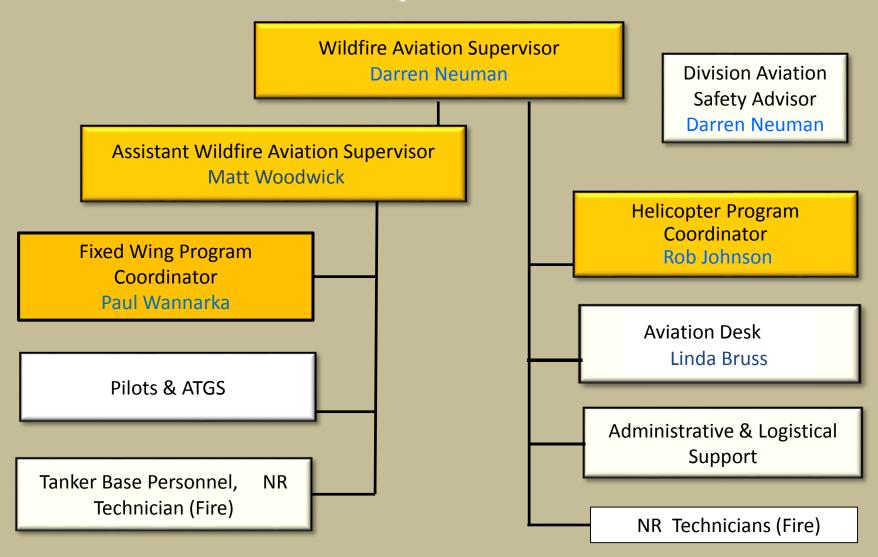


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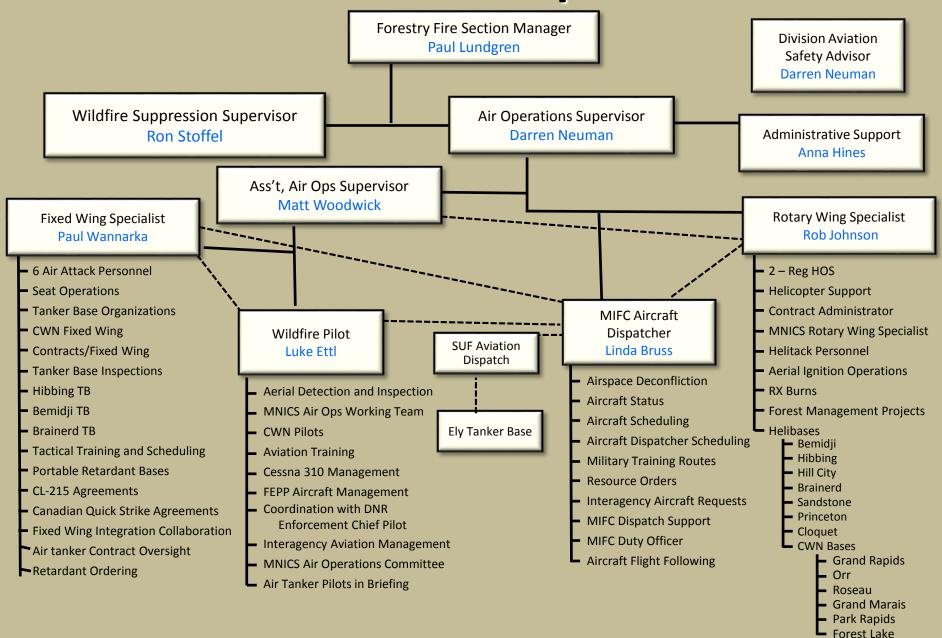


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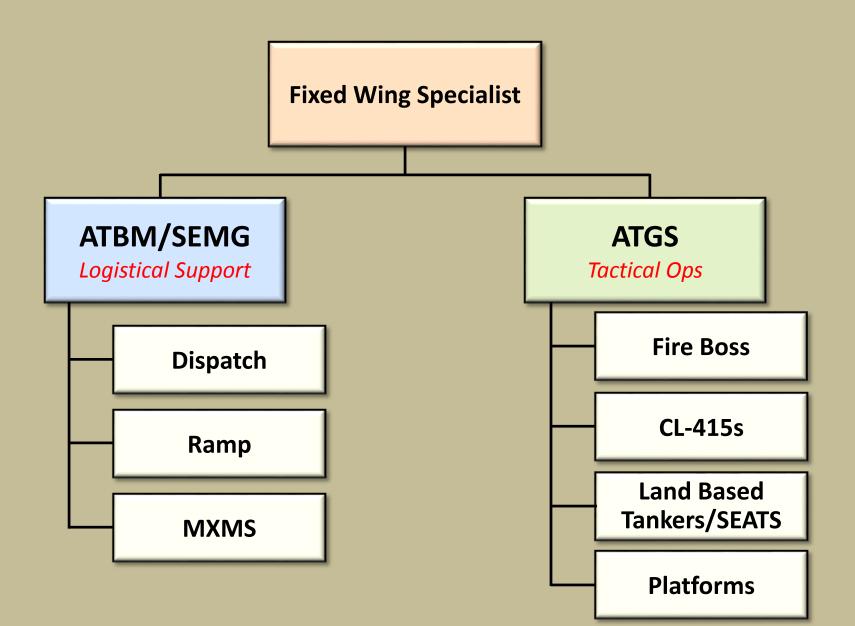
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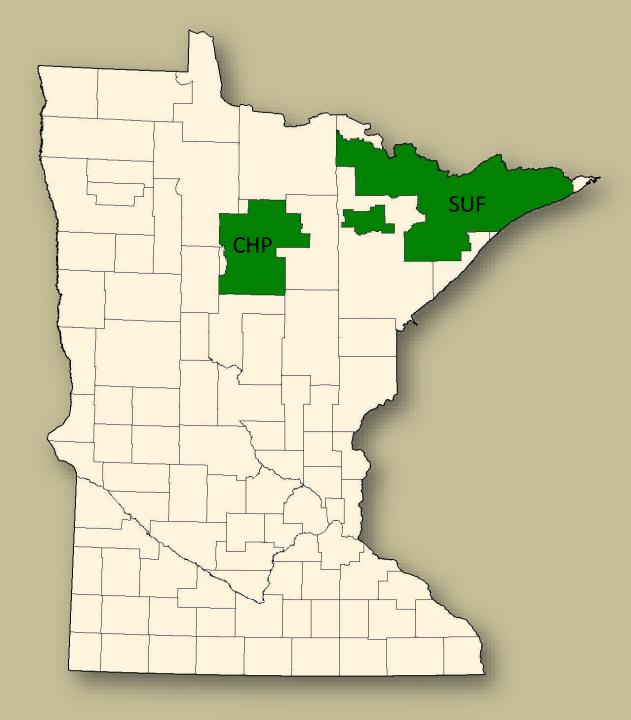
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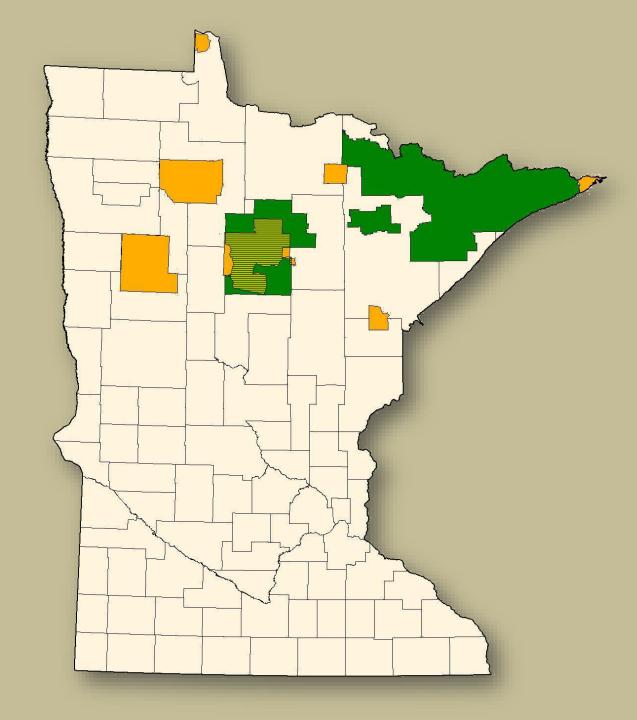
Tanker Base Organization



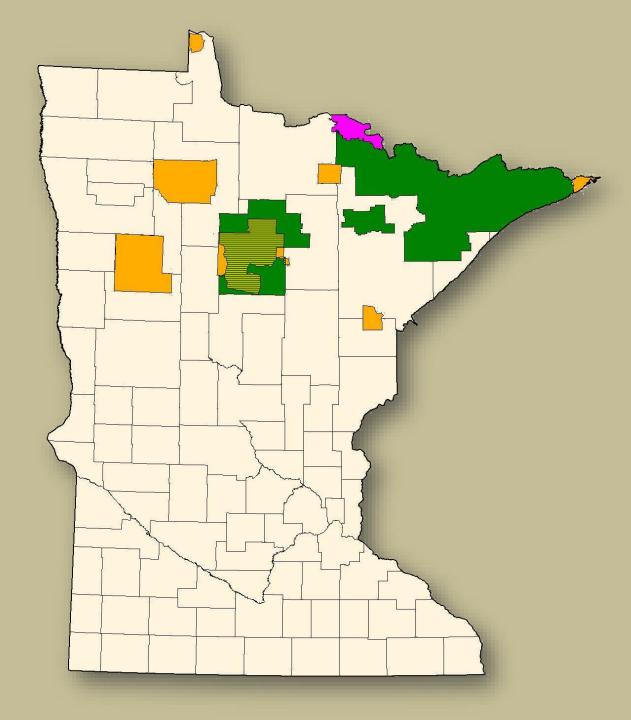
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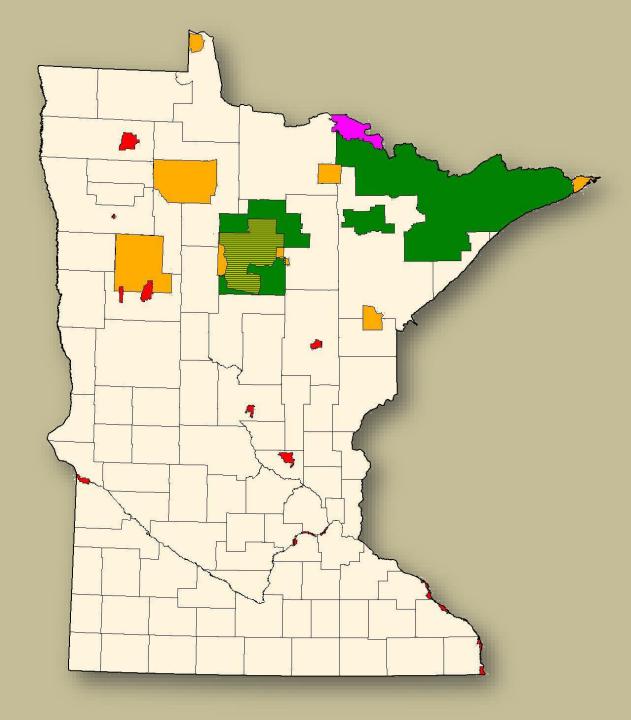
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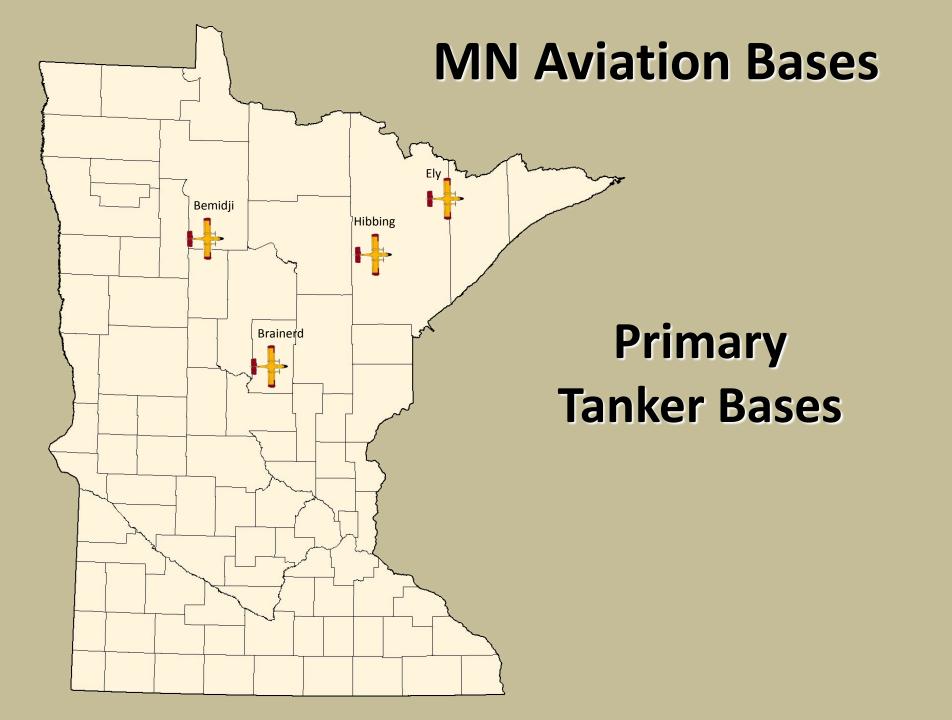


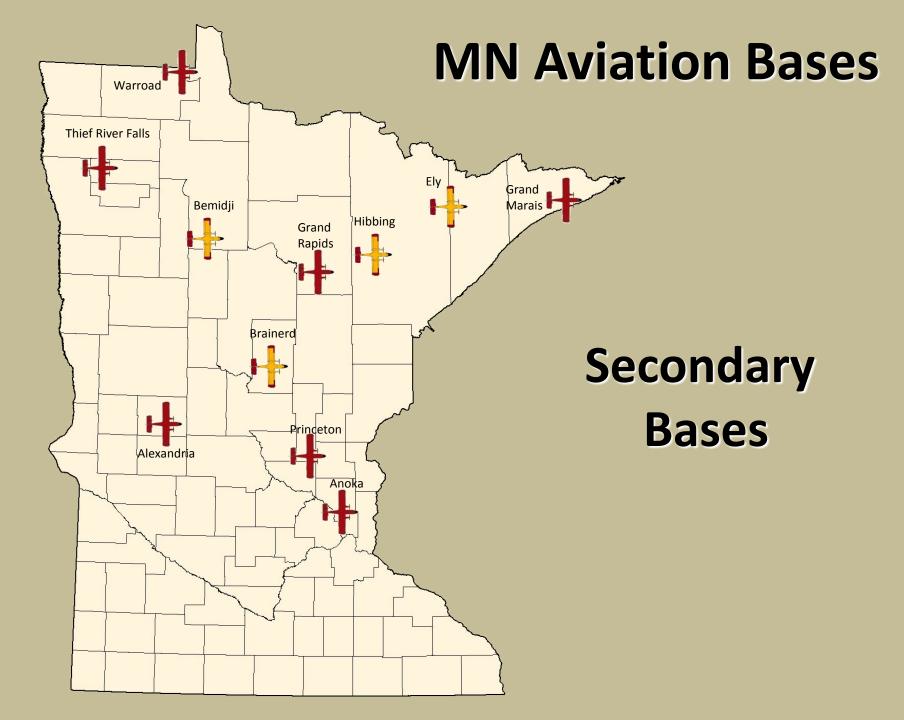
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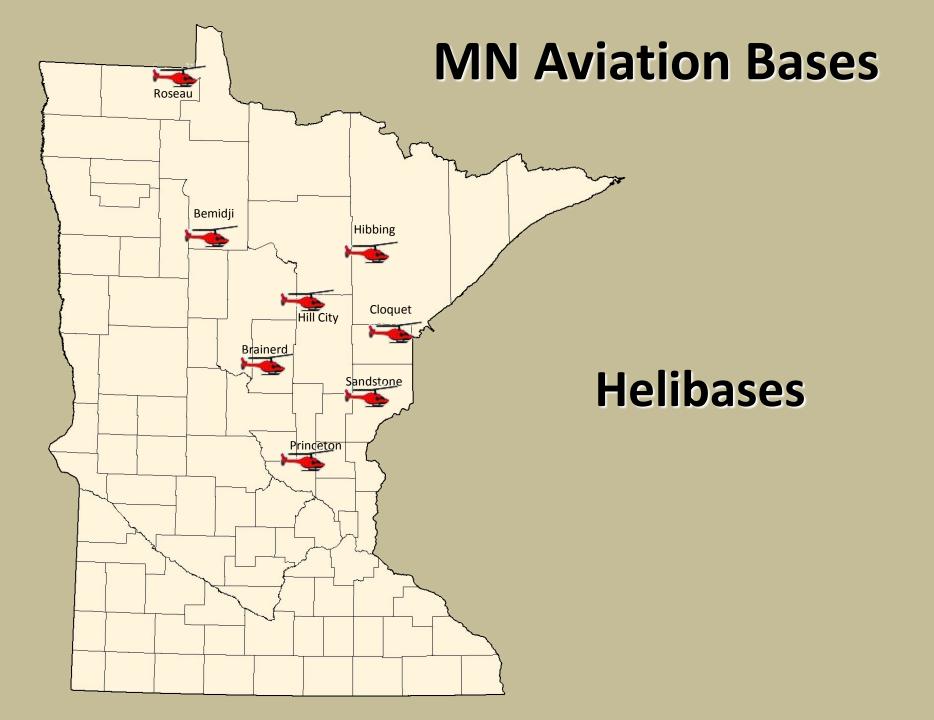


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- **FWS**











State Contract Duty Day

Could be anytime from ½ hour prior to sunrise to ½ hour after sunset-14 hour maximum.

Determined by Fire Center according to staffing guidelines.

Pre-flight(duty day starts)
 normally at 0930, flight ready
 at 10:00

No Extended Standby in MN. Extended Standby paid when R.O.N out of State.

BIA-Bemidji Contract Duty Day

- BIA will set the duty day for BIA aircraft
 - -Pre-flight inspection will be done at start of duty day (normally 10:00am).
 - -Morning briefing starts after preflight approximately half hour into the duty day-normally 10:30am
 - -Extended standby after 9 hours of duty time
 - -Off base lunch determined by BIA staff according to contract



Flight and Duty Limitations

14 hour duty day / 10 hours rest

8 hours max daily flight time (track individual fire times separate)



42 hours max on 6 day period – day off (36/6)

2 days off in every 14 (minimum)

Logistics

Pilots/crews are responsible for own food, lodging, transportation, etc...



ATBM/SEMG may be willing to assist with logistical needs or answer base related questions

Behaviors

Harassment, sexual harassment or physical violence of any kind will <u>NOT</u> be tolerated

Dispatch Procedures

Paper Dispatch

- Tactical Aircraft Request form
- Landview printout
- Expected to be launched no more than 15 min. after receipt of dispatch



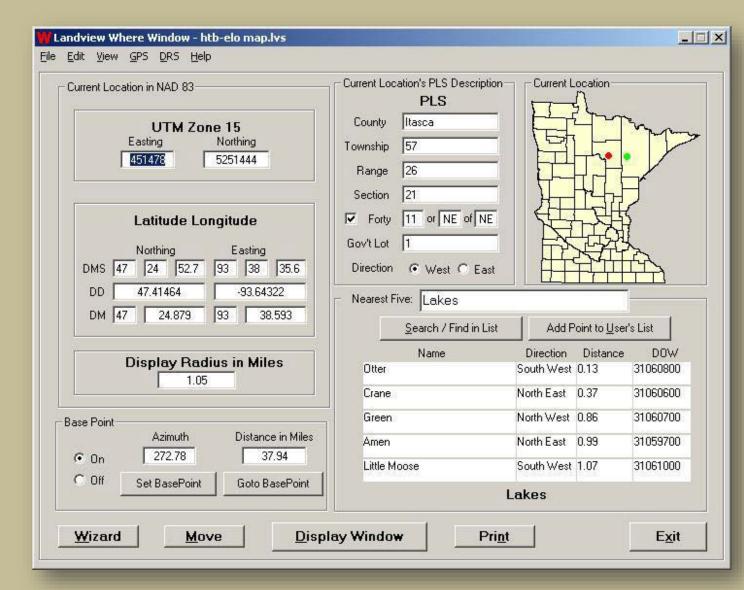
Paper Dispatch

Tactical Aircraft Request Form

DATE:	TIME:		PHONE:		
REQUESTING PERSON / LOCA	TION:		AGENCY:		
AIRCRAFT REQUESTED:		LIFE C			
# Air Tankers	# Helicopters		Other		
GENERAL LOCATION:				1	
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	County				
FORTY: SEC: _	TWN:	-	RGN:		
LAT (DM):	LONG	(DM):			
AIR CONTACT:	A/A FREQUENCY	'i	TONE:		
GROUND CONTACT:	A/G FREQUENCY	7:	TONE:		
OTHER AIRCRAFT & HAZARD	S:				
FIRE SIZE:	FUEL TYP	E:			
VALUES THREATENED:					
BEARING: (AZIMUTH / DEGR	REES)				
FROM:	DI	STANCE:		(NM)	
MTR/SUA: () Yes () No TFR:	() Ye	s () No		
COMMENTS:		RELO	AD BASE:		
TRANSPO	NDER CODE	1255			
LANDING LIGHTS			ON		
	CONTRACTOR OF CONTRACTOR	- (300-300)			

Paper Dispatch

Landview printout



PPE

Required during flight: SEATS and FIREBOSS

- Flight Helmet
- Nomex flight suits
- Leather Boots
- Gloves (Nomex)
- PFD-FireBoss
- •Other aircraft as per contract



Alert Status

STATE CONTRACT - Will flex depending on need

1) Full Alert

-On base and ready for immediate dispatch

2) 30 min. call back

-At base within 30 min. after being contacted

3) 1hr.,2hr. etc. callback

- -At base within the specified time after contact
- -Must be contactable at all times during the duty day

Alert Status

Off base lunch:

State contract - To be assessed and approved at the discretion of the ATBM and the ATGS. Inform the ATBM/SEMG and ATGS when leaving. Must remain contactable.

BIA aircraft-as per contract and determined by BIA staff

Off base lunch on the State contract will not be common during spring fire season when one hour fuels are cured. Plan to have lunch on base most days.

Ramp Procedures

All aircraft movements, operations, maintenance and parking on the ramp to be coordinated with the Ramp Manager.



Vehicle and foot traffic on the ramp to be coordinated through the base.

Ramp frequency: 120.125

Fuel / Fueling

Long dispatches <u>may</u> require topping off with additional fuel (GLFFC Partners-MB, Ont., WI, MI)

Contact the FBO directly or the Tanker Base to request fuel if not self sufficient.

State employees will not directly participate in field fueling operations.



Retardant/FireIce

- Retardant and FireIce gel are both available
- Unless retardant is specifically requested,
 FireIce gel will be used
- Cold temperature operations
 - Above 40 degrees Fahrenheit-Firelce
 - Below 40 degrees Fahrenheit-Retardant

Pay's Aerial Mixing System

- Liquid Water Enhancer Blazetamer 380 can be mixed airborne with Pay's system installed on FireBoss (clear drop-no dye).
- FireBoss' with Pay's System may depart empty or be loaded with water, retardant, or FireIce gel at the agency's discretion. This should be determined pre-mission or start of the day.

• In most cases, the FireBoss will be loaded upon departure.



Retardant/FireIce

Loading

SEATS/FIREBOSS

As per standard SEAT ops . Hot loading permitted.

TYPE 1 & 2



Hot loading not permitted.

Simultaneous loading and fueling NOT permitted.

Retardant/FireIce

Drops

Coverage level will be specified by ATGS.

No retardant or gel within 300' of streams, ponds and lakes.

Cleared in @ 1000 AGL for recon and target description



Retardant/FireIce

Drops

Target description to include:

- -Coverage level
- -Objective
- -Known hazards
- -Location of drop
- -Start and end point, or portion of load
- -Low level clearance
- -Exit instructions



Retardant/FireIce

Drop Evaluation

Load placement -Line, start/stop

Drift-left or right

Coverage



Load and return or return and hold

JETTISON AREAS

- List of 10 approved jettison areas included in pilot briefing pkt.
- Each has a Lat/Long.
- Some have a descriptive advisory.
- Some have aerial photos
- Recommend entering as waypoints-GPS or iPad

WARROAD JETTISON AREA							
Describe the jettison area establish for the base:							
Lat: 48:56.140 Long: 95: 20.716							
Descriptive area:							
NE of Hangar's along the tree line in the grass.							
THEIF RIVER FALLS JETTISON AREA							
Describe the jettison area establish for the base:							
·							
Lat: 48: 03.9' Long: 96: 11.1							
Descriptive area: Jettison area is located west of the runways inside the perimeter of the							
fence.							
PRINCETON JETTISON AREA							
Describe the jettison area establish for the base:							
Lat: 45:25.980 Long: 93: 43.020							
Descriptive area: Off airport on state land.							
MORA JETTISON AREA							
Describe the jettison area establish for the base:							
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Lat: 46: 09.886 Long: 93: 11.862							
Descriptive area: Off airport on state land.							
HINKLEY JETTISON AREA							
Describe the jettison area establish for the base:							
Lat: 45:56.259 Long: 92: 48.121							
Descriptive area: Off airport on state land.							
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DETROIT LAKES JETTISON AREA							
Describe the jettison area establish for the base:							
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Descriptive area: Section 36 of Lakeview Twp. TWP 138 Rng 41 Sec 36. Note: Adhere							
to the 300' buffer for lakes, wetlands, creeks & rivers.							
ANOKA JETTISON AREA							
Describe the jettison area establish for the base:							
Lat: 45: 19.97" Long: 93: 07.08"							
Descriptive area: Upland grass field Carlos Avery Wildlife Refuge. Note: Adhere to the							
300' buffer for lakes, wetlands, and rivers							
creeks & rivers.							
BEMIDJI JETTISON AREA							
Describe the jettison area establish for the base:							
Lat: 47 :22.583 Long:95 : 07.783							
Descriptive area:							
16-145-35							
HIBBING JETTISON AREA							
Describe the jettison area establish for the base:							
Lat: 47:13.850 Long: 92:51.950							
BRAINERD JETTISON AREA							

Describe the jettison area establish for the base

FireBoss-Blazetamer

Application – ATGS will call for Blazetamer (if needed and allowed by the host agency) prior to starting scooping operations

Concentration

Normal default concentration will be set for approximately 0.3% with a second push of the button making 0.6%. Any change in desired concentration should take place prior to scooping ops.



A/C Security

End of day – It is the Pilot/contractor responsibility to provide the appropriate (dual lock system) security for the aircraft to prevent unauthorized use



Briefings

Daily morning briefing: Normally at 10:00 am-State bases Normally at 10:30 am-Bemidji T.B.



Expected to attend

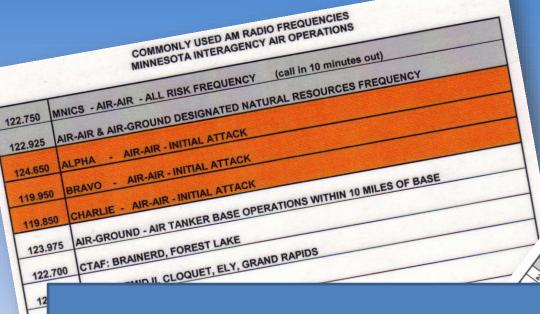
Debriefings

Will be done by the ATGS after every fire as soon as practical.

Expected to attend and encouraged to give candid observations.

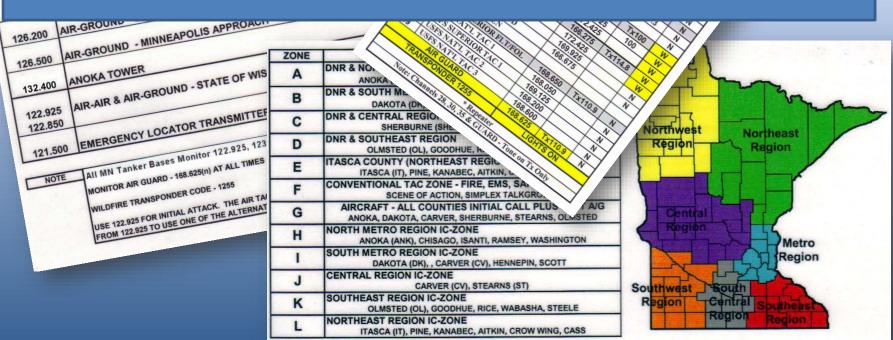
Could be by phone if not based with ATGS.





COMMUNICATIONS PLANS

MINNESOTA AIR AIT ACK PROCRAM



Air Attack Plan (FM/AM)

Air-to-Ground Air-to-Air Communications

VHF-AM Frequencies

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	DNR FORESTRY AVIA		<u>JGHAM</u>	THE	M (Vic		6		
MN DNR RADIO FREQUENCY CARD				VV.			100		
	Page I	Updated 1-1		DEPARTMENT OF MATURIAL RESOURCES	СН	Page 2 AREA / DESIGNATOR	Undated I		WD
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1	DNR TAC 1	151.4750	156.7	N.	35			T 440 0	N
2	MINICS TAC 2	170.4750		N.		USFS - NATL FLIGHT FOLI	168.6500	11 - 110.5	N
3	VFIRE23 (FIRE MUTUAL A.		Tz - 156.7	H	36	USFS - SUPERIOR TAC 1	169.1250		
4	DNR A/G 1	151.3400	110.9	N	37	NG - 19	168.1250		N
5	DNR A/G 2	159.3000	110.9	H	38	USFS - CHIPPEWA NET	173.7750		N
6	A/G - 70	167.9500		N	39	USFS - CHIPPEWA TAC 1	171.5500		N
7	NG - 28	170.0000		H	40	USFS - NATL TAC 1	168.0500		N
8	MIFC SIMPLEX - Air Net /		\$555	D	41	USFS - R9FTAC	166.5625		N
9	CENTRAL REPEATER	151.3700	\$555	D	42	USFS - NATL TAC 3	168.6000		N
	Guadna Dig	156.1350	\$455	D	43	BIA - STATEVIDE	172.4250		N
10	NORTHEAST REPEATER*	151.3700	\$555	D	44	BIA - RED LAKE	166.2750		N
	Ereleth Dig}	156.1350	\$40B	D	45	BIA - NETT LAKE	172.4250	Tx - 100.0	N
11	NORTH-CENT REPEATER	151.3700	\$555	D	46	BIA - NETT LAKE	172.4250		N
	Northome Dig	156.1350	\$4F9	D		NETT LAKE RPT *		Tz - 100.0	N
12	SOUTH REPEATER * R	151.3700	100.0	N	47	VOYAGEURS NP ANALOG	166.9000		H
	Buffalo (A)	156.1350	136.5	N	48	VOYAGEURS NP DIGITAL	166.9000	\$100	D
13	CARLOS SIMPLEX - Air No.		100.0	H	49	VLAV31(MINSEF)	155.4750	Tz - 156.7	H
14	NORTHWEST REPEATER		\$555	D	50	YMED28 (<i>EMS</i>)	155.3400	Tz - 156.7	H
	Wannaska Dig	156.1350	\$4.44	D	51	MNCOMM (MIMS)	155.3700	Tx - 156.7	N
15	WEST REPEATER	151.3700	\$555	D	52	V-CALL 10	155.7525	Tx - 156.7	N
	New York Mills Dig	156.1350	\$585	D	53	V-TAC 11	151.1375	Tx - 156.7	N
16	ARROWHEAD REPEATER	151.3700	\$555	D	54	V-TAC 12	154.4525	Tx - 156.7	H
	Maple Hill (Gr. Marais)		\$4CE	D	55	Y-TAC 13	158.7375	Tz - 156.7	H
17	HELIBASE DECK / RAMP	159.2400	100.0	N	56	V-TAC 14	159.4725	Tz - 156.7	N
18	WARROAD (Wannasita)	151.3850	127.3	N	57	MIFC SIMPLEX - Air Net //	151.3700	136.5	H
19	BAUDETTE	151.3250	127.3	H	58	CENTRAL REPEATER"	151.3700	136.5	H
20	BEMIDJI	151.2650	136.5	N	_ ~	Guadna (Analog)	156.1350	110.9	H
21	PARK RAPIDS	151.3850	136.5	H	59	NORTHEAST REPEATER*	151.3700	136.5	N
22	BACKUS	151.1750	146.2	H	"	Ercieth (Analog)	156.1350	103.5	N
23	LITTLEFORK	151.1750	127.3	N	60	NORTH-CENT REPEATER	151.3700	136.5	H
24	TOVER	151.2650	103.5	N	60	Northome (Analog)	156.1350	127.3	H
25	TVO HARBORS	151.1750	103.5	N ·		NORTHWEST REPEATER	151.3700	136.5	N
	CLOQUET	154.4300	103.5	N	61	Vannaska (Analog)	156.1350	118.8	H
	HIBBING (Ereleth)	151.3250	103.5	N	60	WEST REPEATER	151.3700	136.5	N
28	DEER RIVER (Grand Rapid		110.9	N	62	New York Mills JAnalo	156.1350	141.3	N
29	AITKIN	151.2650	110.9	N		ARROWHEAD REPEATER	151.3700	136.5	N
30	SANDSTONE	151.3850	146.2	N	63	Maple Hill [Gr. Marais] [Ans	156.1350	123.0	N
	LITTLE FALLS	151.4000	156.7	H		VHF - AM (VICTOR) F		ES	
32	CAMBRIDGE	151.3250	146.2	N	PRIM	ARY INITIAL ATTACK - A/A		122.925	
33	ROCHESTER	151.2650	127.3	N		IA - INITIAL ATTACK - AIR/		124.650	
Nort	hern Air - Nets now digital.	Carlos/Buffal	will be	analor		YO - INITIAL ATTACK AIRVAI		119.950	
	TRANSPONDER 1255		HTS ON			RLIE - INITIAL ATTACK AIRV		119.850	
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	AIR GUARD	168.625	Tx110.9	N					
codes for Digital in "HEX" format (\$) - Repeaters shown are									

MN DNR Fire Air Net

Simplex and Repeater Zones



Northwest

Thief River Falls

West

New York Mills

North

South Buffalo Ancka

Central

Bernidi

Location	Rx	Tone	Tx	Tone	NID
MIFC Simplex	151.3700	\$555	151.3700	\$555	D
Carlos Simplex	151.3700	100.0	151.3700	100.0	N
Central Repeater	151.3700	\$555	156.1350	\$455	D
Northeast Repeater	151.3700	\$555	156.1350	\$40B	D
North Central Repeater	151.3700	\$555	156.1350	\$4F9	D
South Repeater	151.3700	100.0	156.1350	136.5	N
Northwest Repeater	151.3700	\$555	156.1350	\$4A4	D
West Repeater	151.3700	\$555	156.1350	\$585	D
Arrowhead Repeater	151.3700	\$555	156.1350	\$4CE	D

Approximate coverage shown on map based on 2,500' MSL

MN DNR Fire Air Net

Communications Procedures

For Best Results,
Adhere to these Guidelines:

MIFC SIMPLEX: within 50 nautical miles of Grand Rapids (GPZ)

<u>CARLOS SIMPLEX:</u> within 50 nautical miles of Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area (Forest Lake - 25D)

CENTRAL Repeater: located on Quadna Mtn near Hill City

NORTHEAST Repeater: located in Eveleth

NORTH CENTRAL Repeater: located in Northome

SOUTH Repeater: located in Buffalo

NORTHWEST Repeater: located in Wannaska

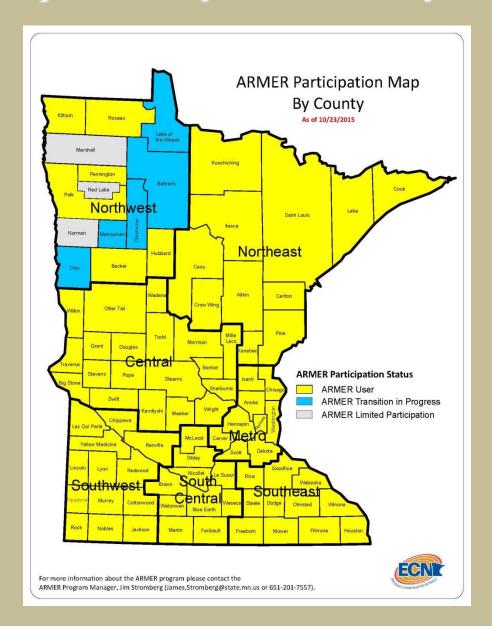
WEST Repeater: located near New York Mills

ARROWHEAD Repeater: located near Grand Marais

ARMER Radio System (800 mHz)

For communication with Fire Departments, EMS and other State and County Emergency Services





ARMER Fleet Map (800Mhz)

*********	BASIC DNR FORESTRY ARMER (800MHz) FLEET MAP											
##2017												
ZONE A		ZONE B		ZONE C		ZONE D		ZONE E		ZONE F		ZONE G
DNR		METRO		CENTRAL		NORTHEAS		NORTHWE		COUTHEAS		SO CENTE
FORESTRY		IC ZONE		IC ZONE		IC ZONE		CO / IC-ZONI		IC ZONE		IC ZONE
DNR FRST	1	MSP CALL	1	CM CALL	1	NE-CALL	1	NW-CALL	1	SE-CALL	1	SR CALL
FRST ADM	2	ME TAC 1	2	CM 2	2	NE-2	2	NW 2	2	SE-2	2	SR-2
FRST NW 3	3	ME TAC 2	3	CM 3	3	NE-3	3	NW 3	3	SE-3	3	SR-3
FRST NE 3	4	ME TAC 3	4	CM 4	4	NE-4	4	NW 4	4	SE-4	4	SR-4
FRST SC 3	5	ME TAC 4	5	CM 5	5	NE-5	-5	N₩ 5	5	SE-5	-5	SR-5
FRST CAME	6	ME TAC 5	-6	CM 6	-6	NE-6	6	NW 6	6	SE-6	6	SR-6
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lipley-Range		ME TAC 7	8	CM 8	8	NE-8	8	NW 8	8	SE-8	8	SR-8
DRO-1	9	ME TAC 8	9	CM 9	9	NE-9	9	NW 9	9	SE-9	9	SR-9
DRO-2	10	STAC 1	10	CM 10	10	NE-10	10	NW 10	10	SE-10	10	SR-10
DRO-3	11	8CALL90	11	CM 11	11	NE-11	-11	NW 11	-11	SE-11	11	SR-11
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ARMER Fleet Map (800Mhz)

HAILING TALKGROUP TRUNKED TA				TRUNKED TA	TALKGROUPS		SIMPLEX (NON-TRUNKED) TALKGROUPS
NATIONWIDE ANALOG CONVENTIONAL CHANNELS						"D" - DIRECT or SIMPLEX CHANNELS	
			D T	ALKGROUPS	<u>`</u>		PROCEDURES
ZONE K		ZONE L		ZONE M		ZONE N	E INITIAL CONTACT WITH COUNTY DISPATCH
							N PRIMARY IC ZONE (HAILING) TALKGROUP 1
							NOTIFY THEM THAT YOU ARE RESPONDING
DNR FRST	1	DNR FRST	1	DNR FRST	1	DNR FRST	COUNTY - DNR (RESOURCE) ON CALL
FRST ADM		FRST ADM	2	FRST ADM	2	FRST ADM	"DNR IS RESPONDING TO THE INCIDENT,
	3		3		3		REQUESTING THE ASSIGNED TALKGROUP*
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Call Signs

- Fire Center (MIFC Air Desk)
- Tanker Base (BRD,BJI, HIB, ELO)
- Superior Dispatch, Chippewa Dispatch (National Forests)
- Red Lake 50 (five-oh)
- Air Attack 1 (2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10)
- MNDNR Administrative Areas (by name- Bemidji Area)



Radio Programming

Confirm radio is programmed to comply with Air Attack List

MN DNR FORESTRY AVIATION PROGRAM										
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64	WISCONSIN - RED	151.4300	Tx136.5	N						
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66	WISCONSIN - PURPLE	Tx 71.9	N							
67	WISC. AIR/GROUND	156.7	N							
68	WISC. FG BLUE (MUT-AID)	154.2950	Tx 85.4	N						
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69	Cumberland (Aircraft) To		85.4	N						
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75	USFS AIR/GROUND (A/G 51)	168.3125		N						
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5	DRYDEN REGION	46.72	110.9	LB						
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15	THUNDER BAY	46.54	110.9	LB						
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78	AIR/GROUND LP		N					
79	MI DNR TAC 1	151.3250		N				
80	MI DNR TAC 2	159.2700		N				
81	MI DNR TAC 3	159.3450		N				
82	VFIRE23	154.2950	Tx156.7	N				
83	USFS AIR/GROUND (A/G 66)	166.6750		N				
84	USFS AIR/GROUND (A/G 28)	170.0000		N				
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90	FIRE COMMISSIONER TAC	158.5500		٧				
91	A/G (12) Primary	163.6650		W				
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MANITOBA PHONE CONTACTS								
EASTERN REGION DUTY OFFICER 204-345-1418								
PROVINCIAL DUTY OFFICER - WINNIPEG 204-945-5252								
All frequencies are Simplex unless designated with Repeater*								

Radio Checks

- Do a complete radio check with Air Attack/ SEMG/Tanker Base at startup
 - Check tones and narrow banding
- Check Guard
- Air Net and Air Net repeaters
- Confirm proper use of FM/AM frequencies





FLIGHT FOLLOWING

Flight Following SEATs and FireBoss'

- State Fires
- Flight following will be accomplished with AFF
- Tankers will communicate directly with the Tanker Base they departed from on AirNet simplex
 - Initial call when airborne (Flight Following brief)
 - Identifier/call sign
 - # souls
 - Hours of fuel on board
 - Destination
 - ETE
 - Confirm AFF

Flight Following SEATs and FireBoss'

- State Fires
- After making contact with the fire (ATGS or IC)
 the pilot will contact their home Tanker Base
 Dispatch on the appropriate AirNet Repeater
 to inform that they are in contact with the fire
 and will flight follow local.
- AFF primary flight following responsibility resides with the Tanker Base of departure for the entire mission.

Flight Following SEATs and FireBoss'

State Fires

- Load and return-Pilots will contact the base designated for reload on the appropriate AirNet repeater to inform inbound for a load.
- Release-Upon release from the fire and leaving the Fire Traffic Area, the pilot will contact their home base or holding base on the appropriate AirNet freq/repeater with their intentions to return to base.

Flight Following Large Air Tankers and CL-415's

- Federally contracted Large Air Tankers, CL-415's and Canadian CL-415's
 - Make initial flight following departure brief with Fire Center on AirNet simplex or appropriate AirNet repeater
 - Contact ATGS on designated Air to Air frequency for FTA clearance and tactical communications within the FTA. Once contact is made, close out with Fire Center by informing you are in contact with the fire and will flight follow local.
 - AFF primary flight following responsibility resides with the Fire Center for the entire mission.



Fire Traffic Area

12nm+ most aircraft (30 nm back for jets)

Initial call— Call sign

Location

Distance

Direction from fire

Altitude

7nm – Do not enter unless: Have Clearance

Have Commo

Can Comply

Close out flight follow with Dispatch when in contact with Air Attack or the fire and continue AFF

FTA **DIMENSIONS**

5 nm radius from center of incident

FIRE TRAFFIC AREA (FTA)

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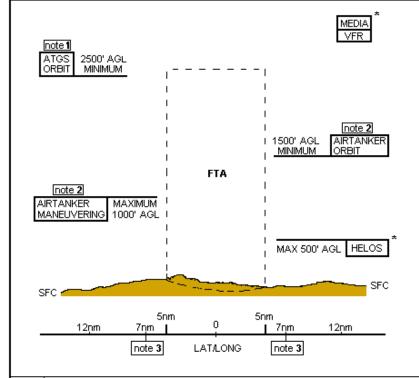
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INITIAL RADIO CONTACT: 12nm on Assigned Air Tactical Frequency

CLEARANCE IS REQUIRED TO ENTER FTA

NO RADIO CONTACT: Hold a minimum of 7nm from the incident,

NOTE: Airtanker Maneuvering altitude determines minimum Airtanker and ATGS Orbit attitudes. Assigned attitudes may be higher and will be stated as MSL.



500' min . separation between Airtanker Orbit and Maneuvering attitude.

note **3** On arrival reduce speed to cross 7nm at assigned altitude and 150 KIAS or less.

HELOS — Fly assigned attitudes and routes

Maintain VFR separation above highest incident aircraft or position and attitude as assigned by controlling aircraft.

AIR BASE	AIR GUARD	AIR to AIR	NATIONAL FLIGHT FOLLOW
123.975	168.625 TxTone 110.9	122.925	168.650





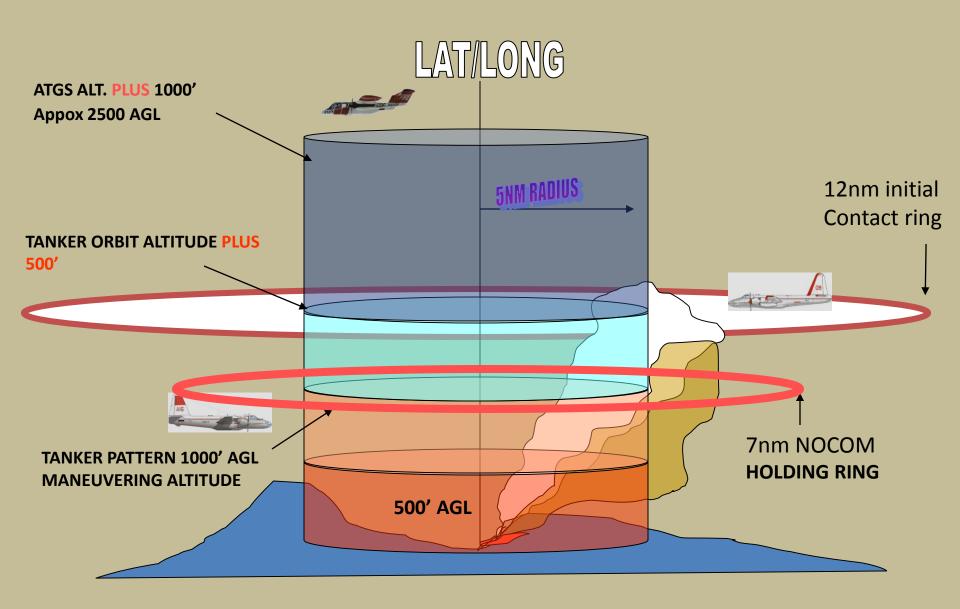








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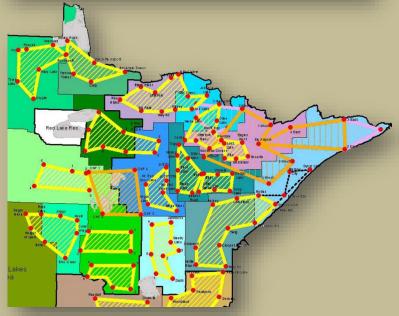


Detection Aircraft

A pilot and aerial observer fly a predetermined route over a large area to locate fires from the air.

Detection is often the first aircraft over the fire and are typically found at 2500-3500 MSL on 122.925 Victor frequency





UAS (DRONE) INTRUSION

- REPORTED UAS INTRUSION PROTOCOLS
- Incident aircraft will immediately disengage
- ATGS will coordinate disengagement (if assigned)
 - Designate and assign aircraft to holding areas and flight altitudes or return to base or nearest airport
 - Assess/manage tanker fuel situation
- Remain disengaged until reported all clear
- ATGS will coordinate re-engagement when safe



INITIAL ATTACK WITHOUT ATGS

Normally, in MN aerial suppression operations are supervised by an ATGS.

However, IA rated PIC's are allowed to drop on fires without supervision in most situations.



- If dispatched to a fire without supervision
 - Obtain a proper and complete dispatch
 - Contact Fire Center upon departure on AirNet with departure brief and confirm AFF
 - Follow FTA protocols and obtain clearance from detection or helicopter on scene. If aircraft status is unknown, make blind call on 122.925 prior to entry of Fire Traffic Area

- If dispatched to a fire without aerial supervision, the following procedures are recommended:
 - Establish communications with the IC or other ground contact on the assigned air to ground frequency
 - Fly a high level (1000' AGL) recon and size up the fire
 - Relay your size up to the IC on the A/G frequency
 - Relay your size up to Fire Center on AirNet simplex or appropriate repeater
 - Coordinate with the IC to form a suppression plan
 - Confirm with the IC that the line is clear/clear to drop

Drop Area Clearances

CLEARING THE DROP AREA OF PERSONNEL

FIXED WING OPERATION MINIMUMS:

- 200' laterally for personnel & equipment
- 300' in front of or behind canopied equipment 500' in front of or behind unprotected personnel
- REQUIRES GOOD COMMUNICATIONS

- Confirm line is clear/clear to drop
- Make the drop and evaluate your drop
- Contact IC to determine load and return or return and hold
- Contact Fire Center with update and whether load and return or hold
- If changing to scooping mode, determine scooping lake and invasive species status

Infested Waters Procedure

UTILIZE INFESTED WATERS OR NOT??

Questions to ask yourself:

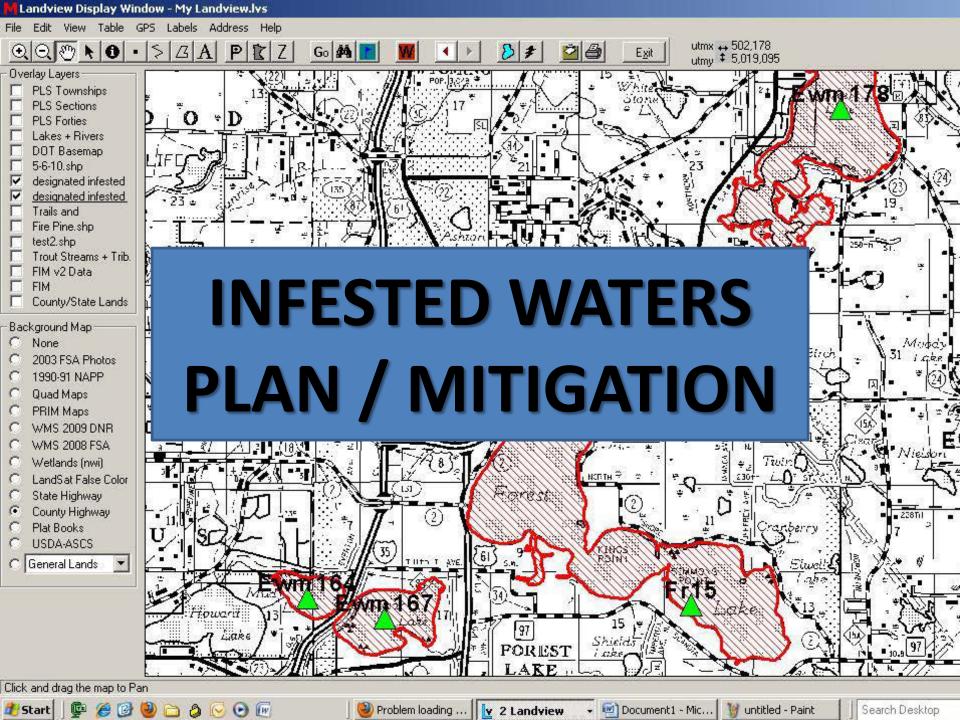
- -If I don't use this water, is <u>loss of life or property likely?</u>
 - If **yes**, **use** the infested lake.
 - If **no**, **do not use** the infested lake.
- -Is there a non infested lake within a reasonable distance?
- -Can I contain the fire using a farther, non-infested source?
 - If yes, do not use the infested water.
 - If **no**, **use** the infested water.
- -If infested water was used and requested for another fire, notify Fire Center and ask for guidance.

Common Animals and Plants

Animals	GPS Label	Plants	GPS Label
Zebra Mussel	ZM	Eurasian Milfoil	EWM
Spiny Water Flea	SWF	Flowering Rush	FR
Faucet Snail	FS	Brazilian Elodea	BE
Ruffe	R	Brittle Naiad	BN

Cleaning Procedures

- 1. Identify the water body and invasive specie.
- 2. For <u>Plants</u>, visually inspect the aircraft. Pick off any plant material and discard on high ground.
- 3. For <u>Animals</u>, drain the floats, pressure wash the tank and floats with 140° water thoroughly.
- 4. Allow to dry for 24 hours if feasible



Invasive Species

Eurasian Water Milfoil



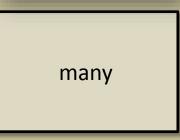
Spiny Water Flea



Zebra Mussels



Others



GPS Database

Check status of lake before scooping-infested or clean

Confirm lake choice with ATGS (or dispatch if lone wolf)

Is it plant(green slashes or Is it critters (red slashes)



Infested Lakes

Use an infested lake only if life or significant property is threatened

If infested lake is used, take appropriate measures to clean/remedy tank before scooping in a clean lake

Plant-inspection needed

Critter-hot water wash required

Infested Waters Plan

Familiarize yourself with the written plan

Plan is available at all bases Ask Staff for a copy MN Dept. of Natural Resources Division of Forestry

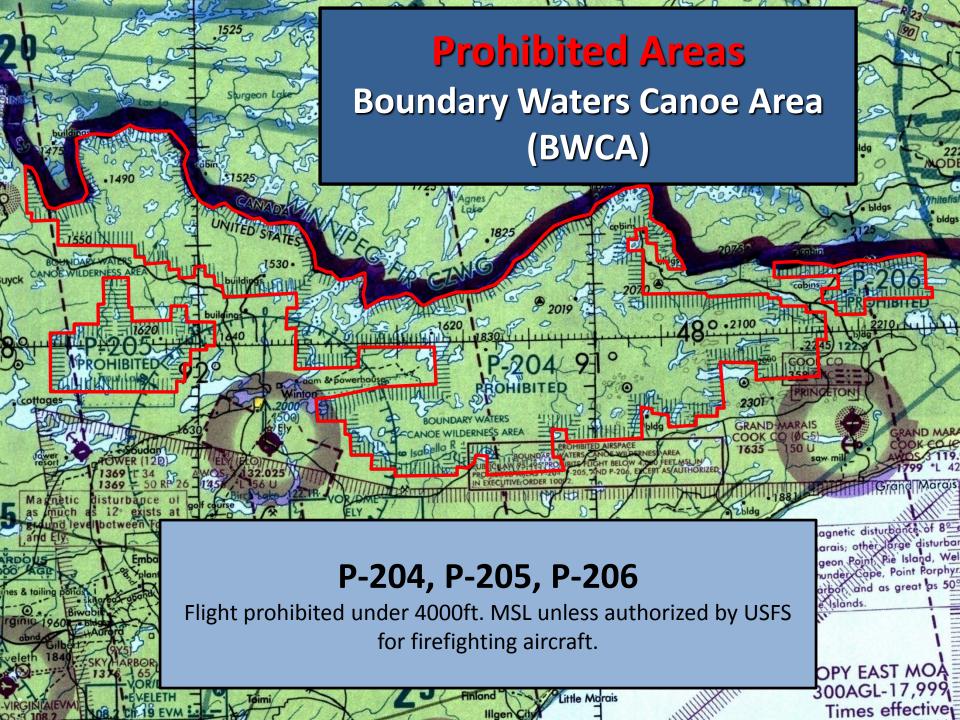
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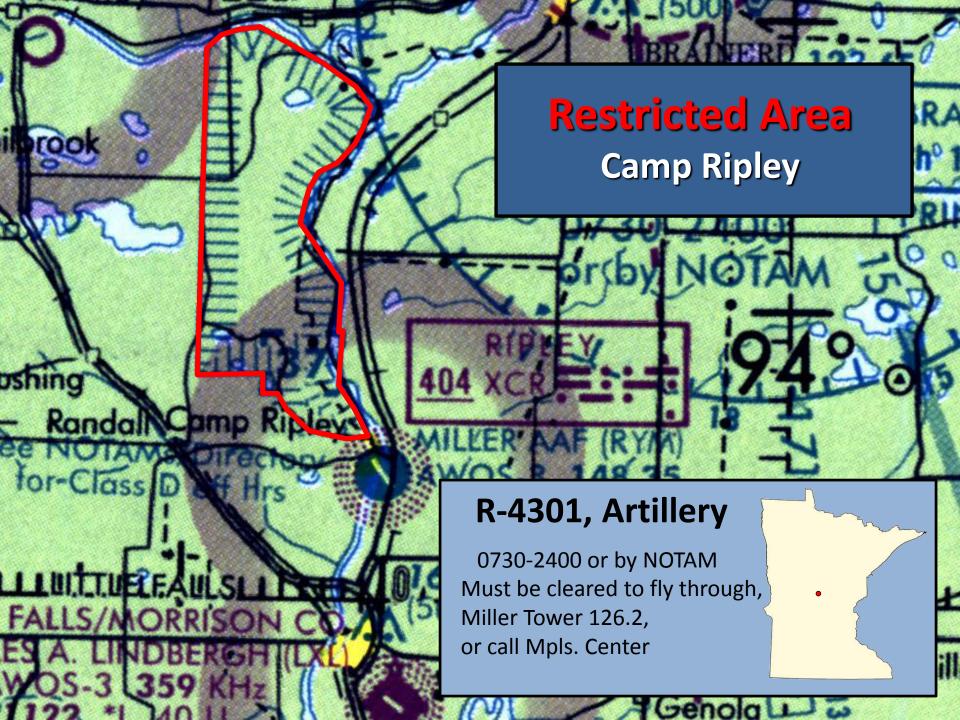
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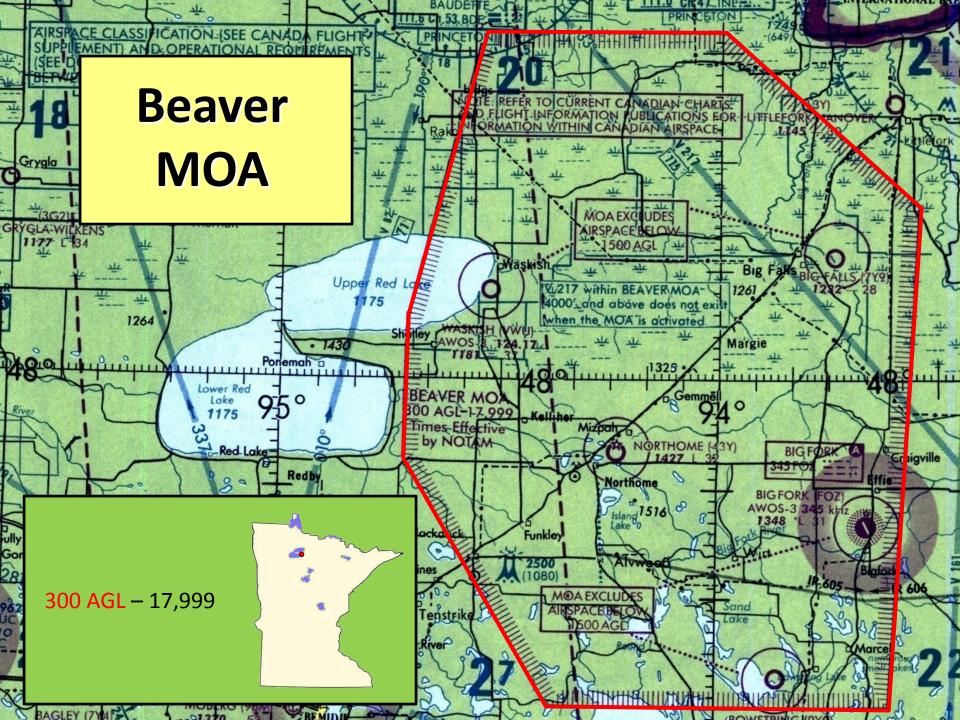


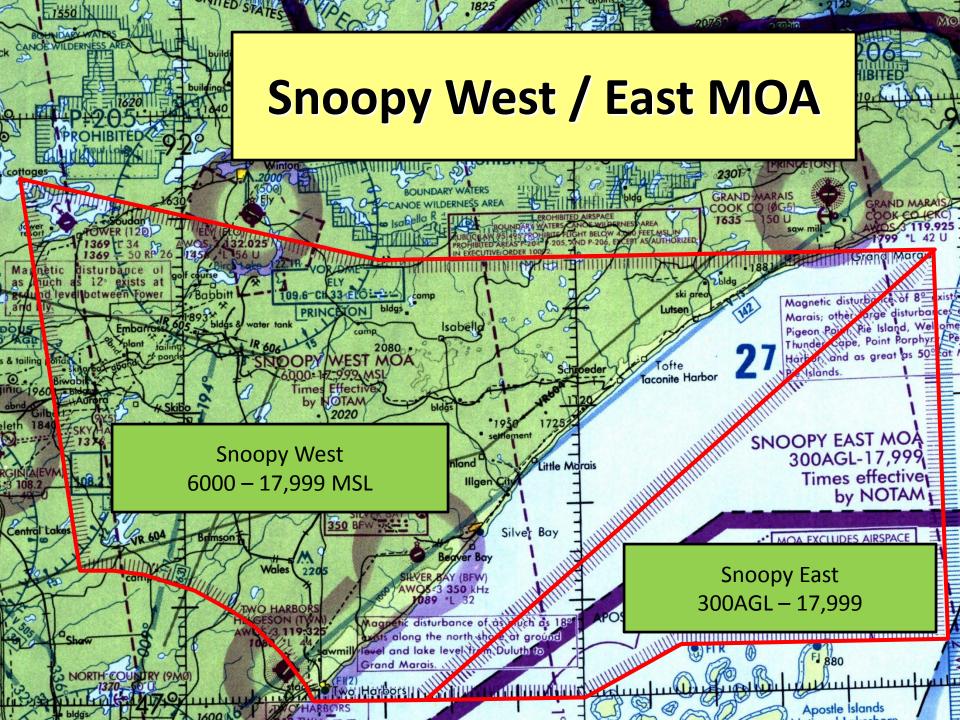
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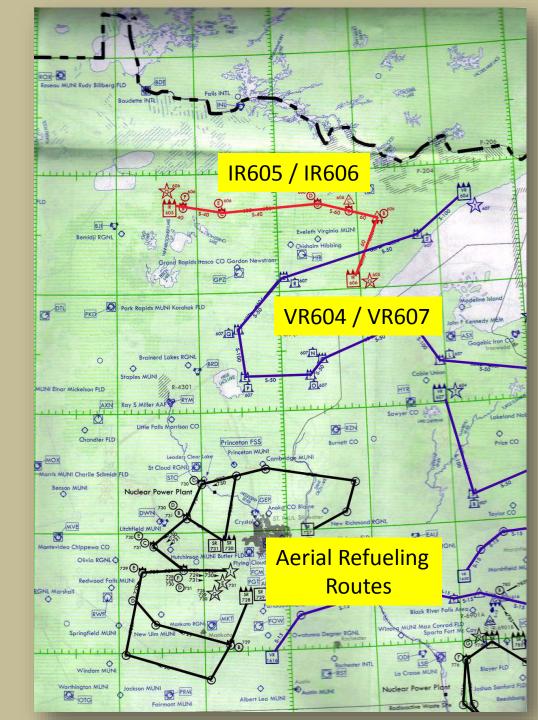


MTRs

There are three primary MTRs in Minnesota.

Status is updated daily as noted on Aircraft Status Report

Aviation Desk can deconflict airspace if needed





US / Canadian Border Issues

122.925 is a dedicated frequency 2 miles either side of border

Border Patrol / Airbust

Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

Quickstrike Agreement



Border Crossing Procedures

The Air Desk at MIFC will:

- Call Minneapolis Center Watch Desk (FAA), Customs and Border Protection, and AMOC with aircraft and flight info.
- Provide aircraft and pilot information to the requesting dispatch office.

Canadian fire agency will advise US aircrew:

- Where to land for fuel
- Confirm CBSA has been advised and clearance to land has been obtained

Pilot's Responsibilities

Quickstrike:

- Pilots do not need to file a flight plan
- Contact Fire Center with flight information
- Prior to crossing the border, ensure aircraft will squawk the frequency assigned by the FAA

Pilot's Responsibilities

Pre-positioning

- Pilots <u>need</u> to file a flight plan
- Contact Fire Center with flight information
- Prior to departure, pilot should contact CANPAS and eAPIS with aircraft and pilot information
- Prior to crossing the border, ensure aircraft will squawk frequency assigned by the FAA

Canadian Customs Letter

For placement in the Tanker

Canada Border Agence des services Services Agency frontallers du Canada

> Program Services Division 3rd Floor, 2265 St. Laurent Blvd. Ottawa, Ontario K1G 4K3

> > December 5, 2016

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Aviation Forest Fire Emergency Services Dryden Fire Management Centre P.O. Box 850 Ghost Lake Road Dryden, Ontario P8N 2Z5

Confidential Attention: Mike Shapland

Re: Entry of Aircraft into Canada (Northern Ontario Region - Northwestern District)

The Canada Border Services Agency acknowledges that Canadian and United States aircraft are required to fly between Canada and the United States for the purposes of fighting fires in the border lakes areas.

The aircraft may be required landing at various border lake areas in Canada for refueling purposes, and at other locations for emergency assistance/evacuation. As long as the entry into Canada remains restricted for those purposes, the following procedures that will be in effect beginning January 1, 2017 and remain in effect for the 2017 calendar year.

- 1. Contact the local management responsible for the fire area as far in advance as possible:
 - Sault Ste Marie Superintendent (North of Huntsville up to Marathon)
 Telephone: 705-941-3063 Fax: 705-941-3068
 - Thunder Bay Superintendent (Marathon through to Saganaga Lake area)
 Telephone: 807-626-1606 Fax: 807-626-0117
 - Fort Frances Superintendent (Fort Frances, Dryden, Rainy River and West to the Manitoba border)



CIRCUIT DISCIPLINE



FIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF A QUALITY CIRCUIT

- Direct, efficient, shortest possible turnaround time
- All aircraft following same flight pattern
- Coordinated and controlled
- Well communicated
- Rhythmic

STAGGER OR GROUP FLIGHT

- ATGS will determine staggered or group flight as appropriate for each fire
- Staggered flight
 - Short turnarounds
 - Smaller scoop lakes
 - Tactics may dictate
 - Multiple targets
 - Changing conditions

STAGGER OR GROUP FLIGHT

- Group flight
 - Longer turnarounds
 - Adequate size scoop lake
 - Working closely with ground suppression
 - Approximate half mile separation recommended or approximately 15 seconds between drops
 - Adequate spacing is required to evaluate drops and make adjustments for subsequent drops to effectiveness

MNDNR does not support formation flying

CIRCUIT DISCIPLINE

EXPECTATIONS

- Scooper pilots will "call up" from the lake on every scoop
- Scooper pilots will contact the ATGS at a checkpoint if established on long turns
- Freelancing will not be tolerated. All deviations from the established circuit flight pattern must be communicated/pre-approved

CIRCUIT DISCIPLINE

ENCOURAGED

- Pilot to pilot communications/reports
- Continuously assess risk/benefit-not all fires are urgent, not all phases of the fire are urgent
- If there is a need to pass another tanker, pass on the way back to the lake-communicate your intent
- Work as a team-pilots and air attack

SAFETY

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AVIATION SAFETY COMMU	NIQUE

Reported By (Optional)		
Name	Phone	
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Organization	Date	
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EVENT

Date	Local Time	Injuries	Damage	Location	State
Date	24 hr format	Y/N	Y/N	Click here to enter text.	State

MISSION

Type (PAX, Cargo, Recon, Sling, Long Line, etc.)		Procurement (Contract, CWN, Rental, Fleet, Cooperator, etc)	
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Departure Point		Destination	
Click here to enter text.		Click here to enter text.	
Number of Persons Onboard	Special Use		Hazardous Materials Onboard
Select	Y	/N	Y/N

AIRCRAFT

N#	Manufacturer	Model	Owner/Operator	Pilot
N#	Manufacturer	Model	Owner/Operator	Pilot

NARRATIVE

Please provide a hvie	of explanation of the event.	Use additional sheet i	fnecesson

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Select HOS/FWOS/Pilot, #

- Safety is a priority in the MNDNR Aviation Program.
- Identifying potential safety issues is encouraged.
- Reporting safety related and/or mechanical occurrences is supported and respected.
- Our safety program is supportive and not punitive.
- IF YOU SEE SOMETHING,
- SAY SOMETHING!

QUESTIONS?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS?

