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TO: FIREScope Board of Directors
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FROM: FIREScope Operations Team & Task Force

SUBJECT: Proposed Revision of MACS 410-2

Approval: This White Paper was approved by the FIREScope Board of Directors on April 17, 2025

SUMMARY

The purpose of this white paper is to propose revisions to RESOURCE DESIGNATION SYSTEM MACS 410-2 to update the numbering system of US Forest Service Strike Team & Task Force designators. The proposed changes will increase standardization and use of Appendix C, UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE STATEWIDE NUMBER LISTING (STRIKE TEAMS/TASK FORCES). Specifically, this paper focuses on updating the numbering system for US Forest Service 1600 thru 6000 Series Engines, Dozers, and Crew Strike Team/Task Forces to ensure clarity, efficiency, and effectiveness in emergency response operations within the State of California.

BACKGROUND

The Resource Designation System (MACS) 410-2 document serves as a foundational guideline for coordinating emergency response efforts within California. This document outlines the structure and organization of Strike Teams and Task Forces. These resources are traditionally organized by the hosting Agency, Unit or Operational Area.

During recent heightened incident activity, a misalignment occurred between available resources and resources being requested. To combat this issue, the US Forest Service Geographic Area Coordination Center (GACC) assembled Strike Team/Task Forces from single increments to match incident requests. This increased rapid deployment of resources to new and emerging incidents, along with effective use of single increment resources to balance span of control needs of existing incidents. This paper memorializes decisions to further increase clarity and standardization of the resource designation system.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed Revisions:

- Revise the numbering system of Appendix “C” to utilize 49 designators that are currently labeled "not allocated".
- Separation of the 2650-2699 not allocated block, assigning and creating an additional row for the Geographic Area Coordination Centers (GACC) of California to designate formed Strike Team / Task Forces not facilitated at a local unit. Example below.

OSC	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPERATIONS (GACC)	2650 - 2675
ONC	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA OPERATIONS (GACC)	2676 - 2699

FISCAL IMPACTS/COST ANALYSIS

Not applicable.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Upon approval from the Board of Directors, the 410-2 recommended changes above will be implemented immediately.

FINDINGS

Not applicable.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the proposed revisions to MACS 410-2 for US Forest Service Strike Team /Task Forces aim to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of emergency response operations. Updating the numbering system will decrease the total Unable To Fill (UTF) resource order responses in the mobilization system. Additionally, this change will increase the GACC's ability to meet incident needs, while adhering to span of control principles. Overall, this recommended change will allow for better coordination, identification and the enhanced ability to manage emergency incidents more effectively. Implementation of these revisions will contribute to improved consistency, preparedness and response capabilities within both Geographic Areas of California.

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