

HANDI-TALKIE CACHES

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Handi-talkie (HT) caches are an additional telecommunication resource for use on emergency incidents for the duration of their need. The handi-talkie caches are a region resource and are subject to dispatch at any time to all locations in the state. All are in working order with serviceable batteries, antennas and leather accessories. In addition to the CDF caches, a cache of 18 ICS Command (starter) Systems plus 10 operation coordination center (OCC) logistic nets are available at the Boise Interagency Fire Center. The daily potential for disaster dictates availability or reassignment of CDF's caches for immediate use.

CACHE AVAILABILITY AND BUILD-UP

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Each CDF region has twenty caches available (an additional five caches are available at Sacramento Headquarters) and each cache consists of five Bendix-King fourteen-channel orange colored handi-talkies, for a statewide total of 425 HTs.

BOISE INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER CACHES

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The USFS Region 5 Regional Emergency Radio Cache is organized into five independent units, identified as F-5, F-6, F-7, F-8 and F-9. Each of these units has the same frequency capabilities. Cache frequencies are the same as BIFC C-2 and C-3 except that Region 5 has replaced the air/safety/guard frequency 168.625 with national air-to-ground frequency 170.000. This is in order to provide a sufficient number of radios and support equipment for incidents that are not large enough to require a large National InciNet Radio Support Cache (NIRSC) unit.

The emergency radio cache units are managed by Region 5. Any use of the cache for other than incident management requires Regional Office Aviation and Fire Management (A&FM) approval. Dispatch will be through the normal ordering procedures. Locations of caches are as follows:

CACHE	LOCATION
F-5	Tahoe National Forest
F-6	South Zone Fire Cache, Arcadia
F-7	North Zone Fire Cache, Redding
F-8	Lassen National Forest
F-9	Sierra National Forest

WHO REQUESTS USE OF HANDI-TALKIES

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The incident Communications Unit leader may request the handi-talkies, **with an order and request number**, through their respective regions and are assigned to the personnel assigned to the incident. They **are not** to be used as replacement or loaner radios for "out-of-service" equipment.

The standard federal National Fire Radio Caches (NFRC) System will be called an 800 system and will consist of enough equipment for a three-division fire. The entire system (a partial system can be requested) will be packaged and shipped as a standard unit. Requests for individual or additional kits (boxes) will be honored **if they do not interfere** with system integrity as directed by the current fire situation. Dispatch of NFRC systems will be through the zone dispatchers through established policy procedures.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CACHES

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The Communications Unit leader has the overall responsibility to program the HTs; maintain a check-out log with signatures for resource tracking; determine that all HTs are checked out after each use and returned with accessories to their respective cache; and for returning the HT cache through normal emergency command center process.

The Communications Unit leader will, after completion of the incident assignment, immediately return any/all HT caches to the responsible region office.

DEMOBILIZATION PROCEDURES

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