



DECISION DOCUMENTATION
Between the
United States Forest Service (USFS)
And the
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

The purpose of this decision document is to provide a means of capturing the decisions made by all parties involved in the coordination and operation of this fire. Costs will not be apportioned between the parties involved, as each agency will absorb their own costs.

General Fire Information:

Incident Name: MacDonald Pass

Origin: Township 9 North Range 6 West Section 2, SE Quarter

Incident Start Date and Time: September 25, 2009 @ 1430

Incident Cause: Human - Under investigation

Incident Numbers by Agency:

Agency	Fire #	Accounting Code
USFS	MT-HNF-000059	P1E7RS
DNRC	MT-HNF-000059	779002
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Principal Contacts:

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

Title:	Name:	Agency:
Agency Administrator	Kevin Riordan	USFS
Agency Representative	Duane Harp	USFS
Agency Administrator	Garry Williams	DNRC
Agency Representative	Greg Archie	DNRC

Protection Responsibility:

1. Does the fire area or any mitigation actions taken affect more than 1 area of protection responsibility?

Yes X No _____

IF YES, use the following matrix to identify all agencies that:

- have responsibility for wildland fire protection, structure protection and structure fire suppression.

- have areas of overlapping responsibility.

Entity & Protection Area Description	Wildland Fire Responsibility (Y or N)	Structure Protection Responsibility (Y or N)	Structure Suppression Responsibility (Y or N)
Federal Agency USFS – Helena National Forest <i>Area Description:</i> USFS lands – MacDonal Pass	Yes	Yes	No
Local Government Baxendale VFD <i>Area Description:</i> Helena, MT	Yes	Yes	Yes

Definitions for Wildland Fire Protection, Structure Protection, and Structure Fire Suppression are contained in the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group Agency Administrators Memo of 5/28/08, entitled, “Community and Structure Protection Guidelines”.

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/index.html>

Structure Protection and Structure Suppression Details:

1. Were any structures threatened? Yes X No
2. Were structure protection actions conducted:
 - a. within the active fire area? Yes No X
 - b. outside the active fire area? Yes X No

IF YES to any of the above questions, use the following matrix to:

- document actions that were taken in regard to structure fire protection and structure fire suppression
- identify who has responsibility for those actions
- identify the locations of the actions taken.

Location and total number of structures at that location	Within active fire area? (Y or N)	Agency(s) Responsible for Structure Protection	Agency(s) Responsibility for Structure Suppression	Number of structures threatened at that location
Baxendale VFD and surrounding areas (south of Highway 12)	No	Baxendale VFD	Baxendale VFD	15 structures, Clausen Road

