

Delegation of Authority

Bradley Fire: Number: 870301

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
Central Land Office

Effective at 1000 on August 24, 2020, we hereby delegate authority for the management of the Bradley Fire Incident to David Hamilton, IC. You have full authority and responsibility for managing the fire suppression activities within the framework of the law and Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Policy.

Specific Objectives for this incident are:

Firefighter and Public safety should be given the highest priority in your management of this incident, including protecting fire fighters and the public from exposure to the COVID-19 pandemic virus.

Implement an aggressive full suppression and perimeter control strategy to safely put the fire out. Take advantage of natural features such as breaks in fuels, topographic features, or changes in weather in your firefighting strategy.

Aviation safety is a high priority. Manage the risk appropriately. Ensure aviation use is effective. Stop using if not effective.

Follow all local, state, and national COVID –19 recommendations including:

- Wear masks at all time when meeting with the public and during briefings
- Perform all public meetings online
- Team Briefings should have minimal staff attend with follow up briefings in family
- Isolate resources in family units
- Have resources keep logs of contacts
- Develop a plan to isolate fire fighters exhibiting virus symptoms
- If someone is sick or exhibiting signs of COVID contact the Madison County Health Department and follow their protocol for testing, isolation, etc. and contact the line officers immediately.
- Be prepared to work with the County on contact tracing for outside family units who may be positive for the COVID virus.

- Stay six feet away from others as a normal practice.
- Eliminate physical contact with others, such as handshakes or embracing coworkers.
- Avoid touching surfaces that are touched by others as much as possible.
- Avoid anyone who appears to be sick or who is coughing or sneezing
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing noses, coughing, or sneezing, or having been in a public place.
- Use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.
- To the extent possible, avoid touching high-touch surfaces like coworker's fire tools, steering wheels, tables, and chairs

Initial Attack Resources will assist in IA from the fire within the north end of Ennis VFD Station1 protection area, and within the entire Harrison VFD fire District.

Cost containment is a priority. Immediately demo resources not being used.

Property and equipment accountability standards must be followed according to State policy. The loss tolerance ratio that you are directed to achieve for accountable property is no more than 6%. You are also expected to track miscellaneous fire equipment to ensure that items delivered to drop points or locations on the fire line are accounted for and not misplaced or lost. You are expected to track property loaned to cooperators and recover the property when the cooperator is demobilized from the incident. You are encouraged to document cost efficiency measures you considered and implemented during the incident.

The criteria for turning the incident back to Madison County may include the following:

- Fire contained and controlled through one operational burning period
- Cold trailed along the edges of the fire and mopped up 3 chains in from the line in heavy fuels where needed
- Spot fires mopped up 100% and verified by cold trailing

Public information on the fire will be handled by your team. Political PIO inquiries or sensitive nature Department PIO request should be coordinated through Crystal Beckman and Kristen Baker-Dickerson team PIO's prior to release.

Work closely with the assigned Resource Advisors to ensure fire suppression impacts to natural and cultural resources are minimized. Consult with them regarding the use of heavy equipment, retardant and avoidance areas, noxious weed best management practices, aquatic invasives, and threatened and endangered species.


In the event of an accident, implement the Medical Emergency Plan, working through Dillon Interagency Dispatch Center, and immediately notify Line Officers and Agency Representatives.

Trainees are encouraged.


We are pleased to have you working on this incident.



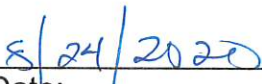
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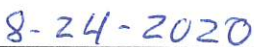
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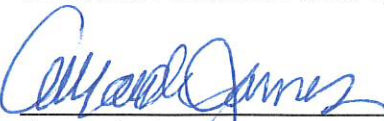
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Dan Allhands
Chairman Madison County Commission



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Amanda James
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I accept this delegation:



David Hamilton
Incident Commander



Date:

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