



**Three Creek RFP
Mechanical Use Constraints**

- OPEN AREA - BLM Lands
- NO DOZER/DISC (Heavy Equipment)
- CALL DISPATCH (before Heavy Equipment Use)
- CALL DISPATCH - Private, State, Other Lands
- Main Travel Route
- Main Interior Route
- Outside Three Creek RFP
- Fire Yard
- Guard Station
- Tanker/Remote SEAT Base
- Day Station

Scale: 1:100,000

1 0.5 0 1 2 Miles

0.5 0 1 2 Kilometers

North Arrow

Three Creek Rangeland Fire Protection Association
Operations
2015

Besides the four or five smaller fires we responded to in 2015, the following are some of the operational items we have been working on:

- 1) RFPA Radio Repeater – The Three Creek & Saylor Creek RFPAs received a grant from the VFA to purchase, and install, a radio repeater for use by the individual RFPAs. The repeater has been installed near the BLM's Burley Portable Repeater on Elk Mountain, and covers not only the Three Creek & Saylor Creek RFPAs, but a large part of the Shoshone Basin RFPA as well. This frequency on our radios allows us to coordinate our efforts in route to the fire (our Districts are not well covered by cell phone service), and not tie-up the BLM command channel, and has proven to be a critical time saver in responding to incidents on the District. While in route, we monitor BLM Command as well, and switch to all of the BLM frequencies upon arriving on scene.
- 2) Staged Assets – Over the past two years we have started staging assets in key areas, throughout our District during the fire season. This has been brought about due to the remoteness of much of our District, and the fact that, the staged assets (Tractors with disks & Graders), are the type assets that are not rapidly mobile. Therefore, having these type assets pre-staged, makes it faster to drive to the asset nearest the fire, rather than having to road this type asset from one of the more distant ranches.
- 3) Retrofitting Water Systems & Storages – We have many miles of water lines, and several water storage tanks throughout our District where we now store water for firefighting in the summer months. Some of these storage tanks are 25,000 to 50,000 gallon open topped storages from which helicopters with buckets can dip, while others are closed tanks. We, in conjunction with the Twin Falls BLM Fire District, through sage grouse funding they have received, are retrofitting all of these storages to a common tap. This will allow all engines, and water tenders, to fill from any of these storages, and will allow us to run a hose from the closed tanks to a portable snap tank, creating additional sites for helicopters to dip.
- 4) RFPA Weekly Reports – Over the last two years we have begun a series of weekly reports that are delivered by email to our members, and the BLM fire resources (copies are included in your handouts). These reports include a Director's Availability List indicating which Directors are available, and on what days that week, as well as, listing their phone numbers. This report is important, as our agreement with the IDL requires that we have one Incident Commander (our Chairman), and a few assistant ICs (our Board Members) who will run our operations. Having this report allows people to know who to contact in the event of a fire. The second report is our Staged Asset Report, this report allows people to know what assets are staged and available on the District, and where they are located in case of need. The report you have in your packet is a very short one, as it is from late in the season. During the season there are generally six to eight assets staged on the District, and on the report, at all times. The second Asset Report is one that we are developing for next year. It will give the location of assets (staged or at the ranch headquarters), by the class of asset, and will be tiered to a map displaying the ranch and staging locations. This report and map, will allow ICs to know what assets are closest, and available to them by asset class. The final report is the Fire Water Access Report, denoting all of the water resources on the District. It too is in the process of being completed for the entire District, and will be tiered to a map as well.

- 5) Radios & Communication Plans – All of our members carry, and are trained with, radios that can handle two communication groups. For those radios, the two groups contain the frequencies used by the Boise District BLM Fire on one group, and the frequencies used by the Twin Falls District BLM Fire on the other. Our Directors also carry a second radio which is capable of carrying up to sixteen groups of frequencies. On these radios we have the Boise and Twin Falls groups, and have added the Shoshone Basin RFPA group (different due to their working with the Forest Service in their area), and two Nevada groups that cover the Elko County Fire District, and the Nevada Division of Forestry. The two groups responsible for fire in Nevada. We have done this, so that, there are no gaps in Communication Plans with our neighboring Districts in the case of a Mutual Aid Fire.
- 6) Funding – Fire Assets – Due to the fact that we are an entirely volunteer Association, with no taxing authority, and provide our assets free of charge to the RFPA, we have worked hard to secure additional monies for fire assets through State funds, grants, and Sage Grouse funding. With this funding, we will be acquiring two fenced staging areas on the District to protect our staged assets from theft and vandalism, three additional fire disks for staging, three slip tanks for members pickups, which will be strategically placed in the more remote areas of the District, and one type six engine that will be manned by one of our Directors. We hope, in the future, to acquire additional funding to create new water sources as well.
- 7) Interactive Maps – Jake Williams, our Assistant Fire Operations Specialist, in conjunction with the BLM's map designer, have created some maps that can be used as a hard copy, or on our phones and IPADS, in an interactive fashion. The first two maps (copy included in the handout) are what we refer to as our "Go/NoGo" and "Go/NoGo w/ fire" maps. These maps, when used on our phones or IPADS, provide us our location, and allow us to know if we are in a zone where we can drop a blade or disk, based on our best discretion, without prior permission from Dispatch (Go Zone), or whether we need permission before we drop (NoGo Zone). Helping us to more rapidly attack most fires, so that we can try to catch them small. The second map adds the last couple of year's fire overlays to the Go/NoGo map, and helps us be able to remember where there are burn scars from recent years that we might be able to herd a fire into. As you can imagine, this is a very helpful tool in the smoke, or at night. Additionally, as was spoken to earlier, we hope this winter to build maps displaying the location of water and asset resources on the District.

These are some of the major items that we have been working on, however, there are many smaller efforts that we are working on, which we hope will allow us to function in a professional manner, and continue to improve on the great working partnership we have with the BLM Firefighters.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this information to the Committee today, and thank you also, for your continued support of the RFPAs in Idaho.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. Guerry, Chairman
Three Creek Rangeland Fire Protection Association

**THREE CREEK RFPA
Staged Asset Report
Week Beginning October 11, 2015**

<u>Asset:</u>	<u>Member:</u>	<u>Call Sign:</u>	<u>Staging Location:</u>
Disc Only	Guerry, Inc.	TD 314	North of Coonskin Butte (Henslee Corral)
Tractor & Disc	Guerry, Inc.	TD 314B	Horse Butte X Clover Road (Branding Trap)
Tractor & Disc	Simplot L & L	TD 328	Saylor Creek Road X East/West Road

All other assets located at individual ranch headquarters.

**Three Creek RFPA
Water Waypoints (Fire)
Week beginning October 11, 2015**

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>GPS Description</u>	<u>Lat/Long</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Ownership</u>
<u>Desert:</u>					
Antelope Springs	Headquarters	Pond	N 42 14' 53.9" W 114 46' 52.2"	Available	Antelope Springs Ranch
Cedar Mesa	Cedar Creek	Reservoir	N 42 12' 13.7" W 114 54' 01.6"	Available	Cedar Mesa
Clover Creek	Clover Crossing	Creek	N 42 26' 57.1" W 115 22' 29.8"	Unavailable Dry	Open Waters
Clover Creek	Clover Creek Echo	Reservoir	N 42 28' 19.5" W 115 22' 06.7"	Unavailable Empty	Echo Water Users
Clover Creek	Clover Road	Hydrant	N 42 29' 27.1" W 115 22' 09.6"	Available	Echo Water Users
Clover Creek	Dilt's Place	Fill Hose (2") Off Mainline	N 42 22' 48.8" W 115 19' 59.6"	Available	Wells Juniper Ranch
Crow's Nest	Water Haul Road	Hydrant	N 42 36' 22.2" W 115 15' 53.0"	Available	Echo Water Users
Black's Corral	East of Winter Camp	Hydrant	N 42 36' 23.5" W 115 22' 45.8"	Available	Echo Water Users
Coonskin AMP	Coonskin Butte	Truck Fill & Open Top Round Tank	N 42 20' 59.0" W 115 09' 29.9"	Available 50,000 gal.	Devil Creek Water Users

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East Coonskin	N. Coonskin Field	Truck Fill & Open Top Round Tank	N 42 23' 00.9" W 115 06' 54.1"	Available 25,000 gal.	Devil Creek Water Users
Coonskin AMP	Juniper Draw Field	Truck Fill & Open Top Round Tank	N 42 30' 45.5" W 115 10' 12.7"	Available 25,000 gal.	Devil Creek Water Users
Coonskin AMP	End of the Line Field	Tank	N 42 34' 19.4" W 115 09' 13.8"	Unavailable 10,000 gal.	Devil Creek Water Users
Grassy Hills	Windmill	Reservoir	N 42 12' 50.2" W 115 07' 35.4"	Limited	Devil Creek Water Users
Horse Butte		Reservoir	N 42 25' 22.3" W 115 14' 23.9"	Limited	Devil Creek Water Users
Horse Butte X Clover Road	Wells	Tank	N 42 32' 36.4" W 115 18' 30.4"	Available 5,000 gal.	Devil Creek Water Users
South Crow's Nest	SE Field	Tank	N 42 31' 23.9" W 115 13' 22.8"	Available 10,000 gal.	Devil Creek Water Users
Roseworth	East Clark Seeding	Reservoir	N 42 20' 29.4" W 114 54' 48.1"	Available	Cedar Mesa
Salmon Dam		Reservoir	N 42 12' 15.9" W 114 44' 16.8"	Available	Salmon Tract

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Signal Butte	Canal Field	Pond	N 42 09' 34.5" W 115 02' 28.9"	Available	Devil Creek Water Users
Winter Camp		Reservoir	N 42 36' 10.0" W 115 26' 26.2"	Available	Echo Water Users
Winter Camp		Truck Fill	N 42 35' 36.5" W 115 26' 25.9"	Available	Echo Water Users
Winter Camp X Bruneau Road		Truck Fill	N 42 34' 16.7" W 115 30' 30.3"	Available	Echo Water Users
<u>Mountain:</u>					
Bear Creek	Shack Creek	Pond	N 42 01' 28.2" W 114 56' 22.2"	Available	Guerry, Inc.
Rock House	Jarod's House	Pond	N 42 10' 30.5" W 114 46' 28.1"	Available	Antelope Springs Ranch
Big House Creek	Wilson Creek Field	Pond	N 42 00' 42.1" W 114 59' 17.2"	Available	State of Idaho Department of Lands
Wilson Creek	Wilson Creek Field	Pond	N 42 00' 23.5" W 115 00' 34.0"	Available	Guerry, Inc.
Wilson Creek	Shipping	Pond	N 42 00' 54.1"	Available	Guerry, Inc.

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	Corral Field					
			W 115 00' 44.0"			
Devil Creek	Madarieta West Side	Pond	N 42 02' 28.1" W 115 00' 50.7"	Limited	Guerry, Inc.	
Little House Creek	Madarieta West Side	Pond	N 42 02' 52.0" W 115 00' 29.4"	Limited	Guerry, Inc.	
House Creek Ranch	Upper Meadow	Pond	N 42 06' 50.2" W 115 01' 09.0"	Available	Guerry, Inc.	
House Creek Ranch	Lower Meadow	Pond	N 42 09' 34.0" W 115 02' 28.9"	Available	Guerry, Inc.	

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