

## Appendix B

### Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Center Preparedness Level Descriptions Preparedness Level I

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| <p>Fire Danger Rating Stations: <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> of Reporting Stations are Low to Moderate.</p> <p>Energy Release Component: 8 or &lt;</p> <p>1000 hour fuels: 17% or above.</p> <p>Keetch-Byram Drought Index: &lt;400.</p> <p>Fuel Load: Green, not cured. Below normal fuel loading.</p> <p>Crew Commitment: &lt;50% of tactical resources committed.</p> <p>Fire Activity: No large fires in Zone. A and B class fires. No fires escaping initial attack.</p> <p>Fire WX/Red Flag Warnings: None</p> |
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| <b>ACTIONS</b>                                 | <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>                      |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Preparedness parameters analyzed               | Unit/Agency Administrators                 |
| Operations personnel fully operational         | FMO/AFMO                                   |
| Dispatch systems functional                    | FMO/Center Manager                         |
| Prescribed Fire operations within prescription | FMO/Fuels Specialist                       |
| Aviation operations fully operational          | FMO/AFMO/Helicopter Manager/Center Manager |
| Appropriate suppression strategy developed     | Unit/Agency Administrators                 |
| Red Cards assigned                             | Unit/Agency Administrators/FMO             |

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### Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Center Preparedness Level Descriptions Preparedness Level II

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| <p>Fire Danger Rating Stations: ¾ of Reporting Stations are Moderate to High.</p> <p>Energy Release Component: 12 or &lt;</p> <p>1000 hour fuels: 17% or above.</p> <p>Keetch-Byram Drought Index: 400-500</p> <p>Fuel Load: Green, beginning to cure. Normal fuel loading.</p> <p>Crew Commitment: &lt;75% of tactical resources committed.</p> <p>Fire Activity: No large fires in Zone. A, B and C class fires. Fires with higher resistance to control, but not escaping initial attack.</p> <p>Fire WX/Red Flag Warnings: Wildcard.</p> |
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| <b>ACTIONS</b>                                                 | <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Preparedness parameters analyzed                               | Unit/Agency Administrators                 |
| Operations personnel briefed on changes in preparedness levels | FMO/AFMO/Center Manager                    |
| Prescribed Fire operations within prescription                 | FMO/Fuels Specialist                       |
| Aviation resources tracked                                     | FMO/AFMO/Helicopter Manager/Center Manager |
| Appropriate suppression strategy developed                     | Unit/Agency Administrators                 |
| Dispatch and Operations fully staffed 7 days                   | FMO/AFMO/Center Manager                    |

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### Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Center Preparedness Level Descriptions Preparedness Level III

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| <p>Fire Danger Rating Stations: ¾ of Reporting Stations are High or Very High</p> <p>Energy Release Component: 14 or &lt;</p> <p>1000 hour fuels: 10-15%.</p> <p>Keetch-Byram Drought Index: 500-600</p> <p>Fuel Load: No Green, curing. Normal to above normal fuel loading.</p> <p>Crew Commitment: 75% or more of tactical resources committed.</p> <p>Fire Activity: One large fire in Zone. A, B, C and D class fires. Fires escaping initial attack, but being caught within 48 hours.</p> <p>Fire WX/Red Flag Warnings: Wildcard.</p> |
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| <b>ACTIONS</b>                                                  | <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Preparedness parameters analyzed                                | Unit/Agency Administrators                 |
| Operations personnel briefed on changes in preparedness levels  | FMO/AFMO/Center Manager                    |
| Prescribed Fire operations evaluated                            | FMO/Fuels Specialist                       |
| Aviation resources tracked                                      | FMO/AFMO/Helicopter Manager/Center Manager |
| Appropriate suppression strategy developed                      | Unit/Agency Administrators                 |
| Active patrolling by engine crews based on lightning occurrence | AFMO/Center Manager                        |
| Operations staff rotated to later schedule                      | FMO/AFMO/Center Manager                    |
| Extended hours and additional resources considered              |                                            |

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### Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Center Preparedness Level Descriptions Preparedness Level IV

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| <p>Fire Danger Rating Stations: 2/3 of Reporting Stations are High, Very High or Extreme</p> <p>Energy Release Component: 18 or &lt;</p> <p>1000 hour fuels: 8-10%.</p> <p>Keetch-Byram Drought Index: 600-700</p> <p>Fuel Load: Cured. Above to much above normal fuel loading.</p> <p>Crew Commitment: 80% or more of tactical resources committed.</p> <p>Fire Activity: Two large fires in Zone. A, B, C and D class fires and larger. Fires escaping initial attack, but not being caught within 48 hours.</p> <p>Fire WX/Red Flag Warnings: Wildcard.</p> |
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| <b>ACTIONS</b>                                                                                                              | <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Preparedness parameters analyzed                                                                                            | Unit/Agency Administrators                 |
| Operations personnel briefed on changes in preparedness levels                                                              | FMO/AFMO/Center Manager                    |
| Prescribed Fire operations shut down                                                                                        | FMO/Fuels Specialist                       |
| Extended hours workday implemented                                                                                          | FMO/AFMO/Center Manager                    |
| Aviation resources tracked daily; ATGS platform ordered if experiencing multiple fires; helicopter ordered; SEAT considered | FMO/AFMO/Helicopter Manager/Center Manager |
| Appropriate suppression strategy developed                                                                                  | Unit/Agency Administrators                 |
| Aggressive patrolling by engine crews based on lightning occurrence                                                         | AFMO/Center Manager                        |
| Additional resources ordered; extended hours implemented                                                                    | FMO/AFMO/Center Manager                    |
| Severity request considered                                                                                                 | FMO/Agency Administrators                  |

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| <p>Fire Danger Rating Stations: 2/3 of Reporting Stations are Very High or Extreme</p> <p>Energy Release Component: 22 or &gt;</p> <p>1000 hour fuels: &lt;8%.</p> <p>Keetch-Byram Drought Index: 700 or above</p> <p>Fuel Load: Cured. Much above normal fuel loading</p> <p>Crew Commitment: 80% or more of tactical resources committed.</p> <p>Fire Activity: Two large fires in Zone. A, B, C and D class fires and larger. Multiple large fires, fires regularly escaping initial attack or requiring 72 hours</p> <p>Fire WX/Red Flag Warnings: Wildcard.</p> |
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| <b>ACTIONS</b>                                                                                                              | <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>                      |
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| Preparedness parameters analyzed                                                                                            | Unit/Agency Administrators                 |
| Operations personnel briefed on changes in preparedness levels and extreme fire behavior in local fuel types                | FMO/AFMO/Center Manager                    |
| Prescribed Fire operations shut down.                                                                                       | FMO/Fuels Specialist                       |
| Extended hours workday implemented                                                                                          | FMO/AFMO/Center Manager                    |
| Aviation resources tracked daily; ATGS platform ordered if experiencing multiple fires; helicopter ordered; SEAT considered | FMO/AFMO/Helicopter Manager/Center Manager |
| Appropriate suppression strategy developed                                                                                  | Unit/Agency Administrators                 |
| Aggressive patrolling by engine crews based on lightning occurrence                                                         | AFMO/Center Manager                        |
| Staffing needs evaluated; additional resources ordered                                                                      | FMO/AFMO/Center Manager                    |
| Severity request considered                                                                                                 | FMO/Agency Administrators                  |

