

ROSS TIPS

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Subject: Border Fires in ROSS

A Border Fire is defined as a wildfire that has crossed the boundary from one Geographic Area into another, or where a fire is expected to cross the boundary within two burning periods.

The Selection Area capabilities of ROSS can make this an easy transition. After concurrence and agreement between the two Geographic Coordination Centers (GACC) and the National Coordination Center (NICC), the two affected GACC's simply need to give the Local Dispatch Center Selection Area authorization to order resources from the neighboring GACC for the duration of the Incident.

Example: A fire is hosted by the Grants Pass Interagency Dispatch Center in Southern Oregon. It is recognized that the fire will slop over the border into California within the next two burning periods.

The Northwest Coordination Center (after agreement between all parties) would give Selection Area authorization to the Grants Pass Interagency Dispatch Center to place requests directly to Northern California Operations (North Ops). As soon as this occurs, North Ops will show on the "Other Resources" tab of the Pending Request screen for Grants Pass Interagency Dispatch Center.

- There is only one ordering point, Grants Pass Interagency Dispatch Center. All requests will go through this dispatch center.
- The change in selection area will allow Grants Pass to place requests directly to North Ops without placing to the Northwest Coordination Center.
- North Ops can place all requests anywhere within their Geographical Area.
- Any requests that North Ops cannot fill must be UTF'd back to Grants Pass.
- Under the current ROSS selection area rules, North Ops can only place requests from Grants Pass down to their subordinates. They can not place any requests up to NICC or to one of their Selection Area organizations.

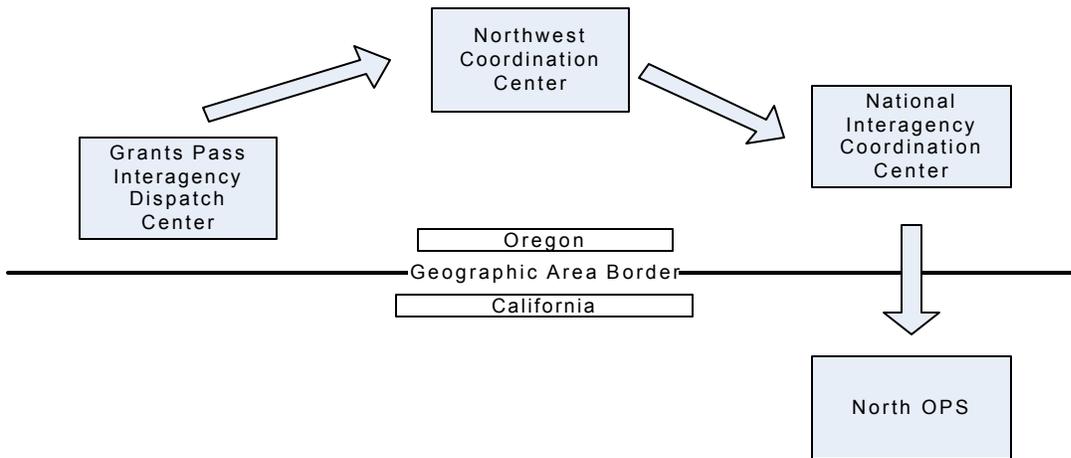
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Ordering Chain Prior to Border Fire Ordering Chain After Selection Area Change

The example below displays the path that a request would take **PRIOR** to the changing of the Selection Area settings by the Northwest Coordination Center.



The example below displays the path that a request would take **AFTER** the Selection Area settings were changed by the Northwest Coordination Center.

