

Resource Status - determining availability

This chapter explains how to view the status and set the availability of your organization's resources. Topics in this chapter include:

- Managing resource status
- Viewing information about a resource
- Exploring resource status in detail.

To access the Resource Status screen

- On the **Resource** menu or **Status** menu, click **Resource Status**.

Resource Status screen

The screenshot shows the Resource Status screen in the ROSS application. The window title is "Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS) - *** PRACTICE v2.14.0.30 ***". The menu bar includes "File", "Administration", "Resource", "Incident", "Request", "Travel", "Status", "Window", and "Help". The toolbar contains icons for "NI", "IL", "IN", "OF", "REQ", "IR", "PR", "MP", "RS", "TL", "RE", and "ø". The main content area is titled "Resource Status" and contains several sections:

- Select Filter For Resources:** Includes "Select Resource Type" with radio buttons for Aircraft (selected), Crew, Equipment, Overhead, and Supply. It also has a checkbox for "Non-Qualified Resources Only".
- Select Status To View:** Includes dropdown menus for "Select Provider" (value: **ALL**), "Select Vendor" (value: **ALL**), and "Select Incident" (value: **ALL**).
- Set Resource Status:** Includes dropdown menus for "Select Status" (value: Available), "Select Area" (value: GACC), and "Display" (value: Home Unit). It also has buttons for "Set Availability +", "Set 'Available To' +", and "Set Unavailability Periods".
- Resource Table:** A table with columns: Resource Name, Home Unit, Status, Last Stated, Prep. From, Available To, Location, and Au. The table contains the following data:

Resource Name	Home Unit	Status	Last Stated	Prep. From	Available To	Location	Au
FIXED WING TRANSPORT	Aguilar Fire D...	Available			Local	Aguilar Fire Department (...)	
SAMPLE LOAD - SMOKEJUM...	Allenspark Fir...	Available			Local	Allenspark Fire Protection...	
FIXED WING - AIR TAC SAM...	Arapahoe Cou...	Available			Local	Arapahoe County (CO) (C...	
FIXED WING - RECON - N11...	Craig Interage...	Available	08/13/2011 1...		Local	CRAIG-MOFFAT (CAG)	
FIXED WING - RECON - N18...	Meeker Airport...	Available	07/28/2010 1...		Local	MEEKER (EEO)	
FIXED WING - RECON - N30...	Meeker Airport...	Returned From A...	07/20/2007 1...		Local	MEEKER (EEO)	
SERVICE - SEAT BASE - MO...	Mountain Air S...	Returned From A...	08/13/2011 1...		GACC	Craig Airport (Craig, CO)	
FREQUENCY - TAC 1 - 168...	Western Slop...	Available	06/26/2006 1...		Local	Western Slope Center (Di...	

At the bottom of the window, there are buttons for "Go To" and "View", and navigation arrows.

Managing resource status

This section explains how to view and manage the status of resource items.

Remember, you can not change the availability of an assigned resource until it has "Returned From Assignment" (the demob ETA has passed). A resource that is "Returned From Assignment" remains unavailable until the home or preposition dispatch unit switches the resource's status to "Available."

To view a status of any resource item

- 1 On the **Resource Status** screen under **Select Resource Type**, click to select the **Catalog** of your choice.
- 2 Click the **Select Status to View** drop-down arrow and then click the **status** of your choice.
- 3 Click the **Filter** button, and then scroll to locate the resource item of your choice.



The following diagram shows the status for overhead resources.

The screenshot shows the 'Resource Status' window in the ROSS application. The 'Select Filter For Resources' section has 'Overhead' selected under 'Select Resource Type' and 'Available' under 'Select Status To View'. The 'Set Resource Status' section shows 'Available' selected for 'Select Status' and 'GACC' for 'Select Area'. Below these are buttons for 'Set Availability +', 'Set Available To +', and 'Set Unavailability Periods'. A table displays the following data:

Resource Name	Home Unit	Status	Last Stated	Prep. From	Available To	Location
Arapaho Natio...	Arapaho Natio...	Available	04/04/2011 1...		Local	Arapaho National Wildlife ...
Arapaho Natio...	Arapaho Natio...	Available	04/04/2011 1...		Local	Arapaho National Wildlife ...
Arapaho Natio...	Arapaho Natio...	Available	04/04/2011 1...		Local	Arapaho National Wildlife ...
Browns Park ...	Browns Park ...	Available	09/30/2011 0...		Local	Browns Park National Wil...
Browns Park ...	Browns Park ...	Available	09/20/2011 1...		Local	Browns Park National Wil...
Browns Park ...	Browns Park ...	Available	04/04/2011 1...		Local	Browns Park National Wil...
Browns Park ...	Browns Park ...	Available	10/17/2011 0...		Local	Browns Park National Wil...
Browns Park ...	Browns Park ...	Available	08/20/2011 0...		Local	Browns Park National Wil...
Browns Park ...	Browns Park ...	Available			Local	Browns Park National Wil...
Browns Park ...	Browns Park ...	Available	04/14/2011 0...		Local	Browns Park National Wil...
Colorado Divi...	Colorado Divi...	Available			Local	Craig Area Office - CO Sta...
Colorado Divi...	Colorado Divi...	Available			Local	Craig Area Office - CO Sta...
Colorado Divi...	Colorado Divi...	Available			Local	Craig Area Office - CO Sta...
Colorado Divi...	Colorado Divi...	Available			Local	Craig Area Office - CO Sta...
Colorado Divi...	Colorado Divi...	Available			Local	Craig Area Office - CO Sta...
Colorado Divi...	Colorado Divi...	Available			Local	Craig Area Office - CO Sta...

To set the availability of a resource item

- 1 On the **Resource Status** screen, search for and then click to select the **Resource Item** of your choice.

- 2 Click the **Select Status** drop-down arrow, and then select one of the following **status availability** of your choice:
 - click **Available** to change the status of the resource item to available
 - click **Unavailable** to change the status of the resource item to unavailable, and then click the **Unavailable Reason** drop-down arrow and select the **Reason** of your choice.
- 3 To save the change of availability status for that resource, click the **Set Availability** button.



To set the area of availability for a resource item

- 1 On the **Resource Status** screen, search for and then click to select the **Resource Item** of your choice.
- 2 Click the **Select Area** drop-down arrow, and then select the area of your choice
 - click **GACC** to set the area of availability to a geographic area coordination center
 - click **Local** to set the area of availability to local
 - click **National** to set the area of availability to national.
- 3 To save the area of availability, click the **Set Available To** button.



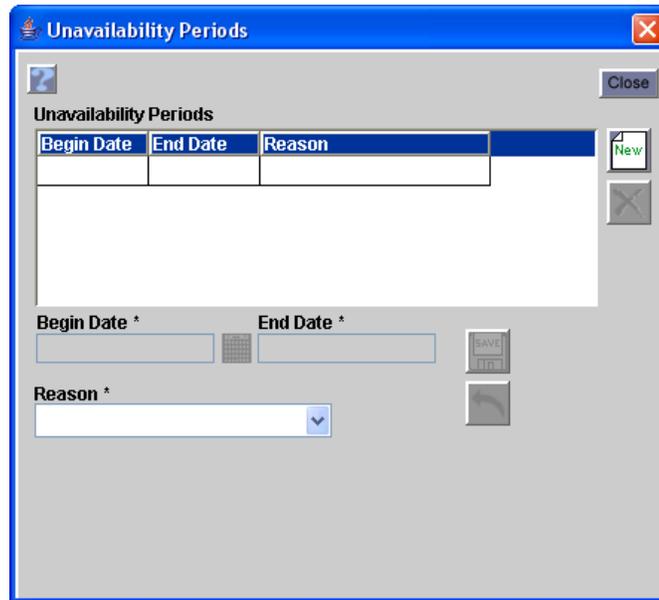
To set the unavailable periods for a resource item



- 1 On the **Resource Status** screen, search for and then click to select the **Resource Item** of your choice, and then click the **Set Unavailability Periods** button.
- 2 On the **Unavailability Periods** dialog box, click **New**, and then click the **Select Dates** button.
- 3 Using the calendar, select the **Begin Date** and **End Date**, and then click **OK**.
- 4 Click the **Reason** drop-down arrow, click to select the **Reason** of your choice, and then click **Save**.



The following diagram shows the Unavailability Periods dialog box.



To edit an existing unavailability period

- 1 On the **Resource Status** screen, search for and then click to select the **Resource Item** of your choice, and then click the **Set Unavailability Periods** button.
- 2 On the **Unavailability Periods** dialog box, click to select the **Unavailability Period** of your choice, and then click the **Select Dates** button.
- 3 Using the calendar, select the **Begin Date** and **End Date**, and then click **OK**.
- 4 Click the **Reason** drop-down arrow, select the **Reason** of your choice, and then click **Save**.

To delete an unavailable period for a resource item

- 1 On the **Resource Status** screen, search for and then click to select the **Resource Item** of your choice, and then click the **Edit Unavailability Periods** button.
- 2 On the **Unavailability Periods** dialog box, click to select the **unavailable period** of your choice, and then click the **Delete** button.
- 3 On the **Confirm Deletion** dialog box, click **Yes** to confirm or click **No** to cancel.

Viewing resource details

A rectangular button with a thin border and the word "View" centered inside.

The View Resource button allows you to display tabs based on the catalog type of the resource item, which identify specific information about that resource including:

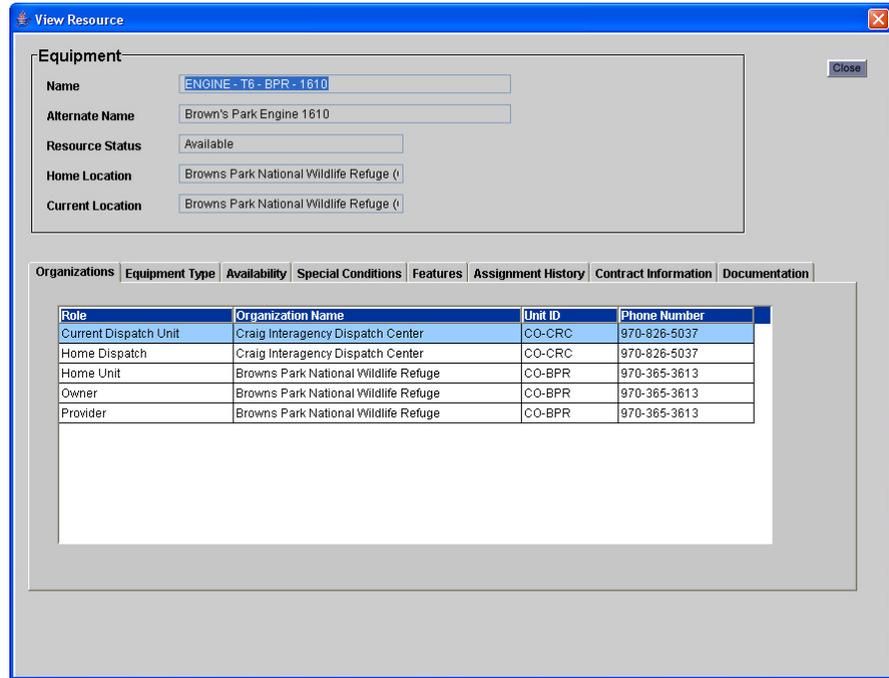
- identification
- qualification
- organizations
- locations
- availability
- special conditions
- features
- assignment history
- contact information
- overhead data.

To view resource item details

- 1 On the **Resource Status** screen, search for and then click to select the **Resource Item** of your choice, click the **View** button, and then click to select **View Resource**.
- 2 On the **View Resource** dialog box, click to review the tabs of your choice, and then click **Close** to return to the **Resource Status** screen.

To edit resource item details see, "Resource Item - working with resources," in the ROSS User's Guide.

The following diagram shows the View Resource dialog box for an engine.

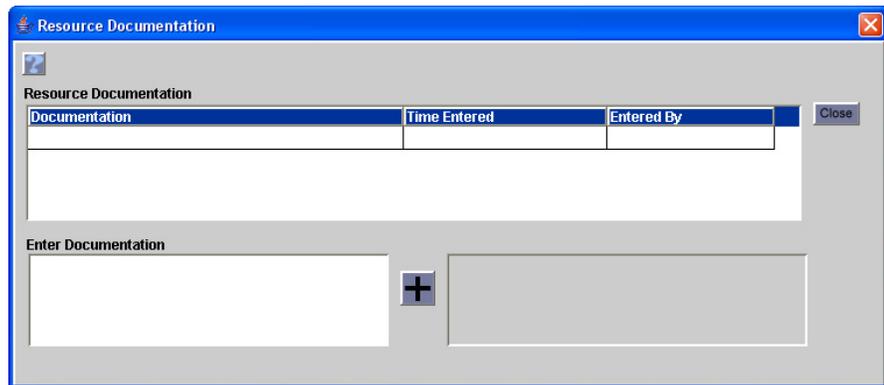


You can view the names of all rosters where the resource is a member, as well as the roster's managing dispatch center and primary contact information.

To add documentation for a resource item

- 1 On the **Resource Status** screen, search for and then click to select the **Resource Item** of your choice, and then click the **Documentation** button.
- 2 On the **Resource Documentation** dialog box, type the **Documentation** in the **Enter Documentation** text box, and then click the **Add Documentation** button.

The following diagram shows the Resource Documentation dialog box for an overhead resource item.



Exploring resource status in detail

When statusing resources, remember these key points:

- External resources, such as those obtained via a non-ROSS dispatch unit, can not be viewed on the Resource Status screen.
- If a resource is in an unavailability period, it is unavailable for dispatch.
- Resources for which “track request” is not designated, such as supply catalog and services category items, can not be viewed on the Resource Status screen.
- Dispatch units that do not have dispatch authority, known as “status-only dispatch units,” can still status their resources.
- Status-only dispatch units must manually update the status of their resources when assigning them to an incident. To do this, set the availability of the resource to “Unavailable,” and then select “At Incident” as the reason.
- A status-only dispatch unit can authorize another organization to use their resources to fill resource requests.
- The availability of an assigned resource can not be changed until it has “Returned From Assignment.” This means that the demob ETA has passed.
- A resource that is “Returned From Assignment” is unavailable until the home or preposition dispatch switches the resource’s status to “Available.”