

Subject: Delegation of Authority, Unified Command.

Date: 21 June 2025

To: Mark Shaplowski, Incident Commander, Alberta Forestry & Parks

To: Angela Marie, Incident Commander, Environment and Climate Change

From: Paul StJohn, Forest Area Manager, Alberta Forestry & Parks

From: Leslie Wiltzen, Superintendent, South Slave Region, Environment and Climate Change

This Delegation of Authority allows you to act on behalf of the Agency Administrators while in Unified Command over MWF026 - Tulip Lake "Fire Center" refers to the GOA Forest Area Fire Center and the "ECC" refers to the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Northwest Territories (GNWT).

Under this delegation Unified Commanders will:

1. Be accountable to the Agency Administrators listed above.
2. Manage the incident area of responsibility according to the approved Wildfire Management Plan or Wildfire Analysis Strategy and South Slave Region, Environment and Climate Change Response Plan. Within the area of responsibility, the Incident Management Team will be responsible for the following responsibilities:
 - I. Human lives and safety of responders.
 - II. Protection of the communities of Fort Smith, Border Town, Halfway, Fort Fitzgerald IR (Tthebathi Denesuline First Nation) and any unincorporated communities impacted by the fires in the incident area of responsibility.
 - III. Protection of critical infrastructure and watersheds critical to communities.
 - IV. NWT Power Corporation Taltson Dam Transmission Line protection of infrastructure with high economic value.
 - V. Protection of Values at Risk (VARs) identified in Appendix A & B
3. Develop incident objectives and employ strategies in accordance with agency policies, procedures, and business rules to achieve incident priorities.
4. Complete financial tracking that will detail costs to be incurred by each Agency.
5. Ensure information coordination and release through establishment of a Joint Information Centre.
6. Ensure all resource ordering goes through IMT logistics for request through the Forest Area logistics or ECC logistics depending on the resource that is required.

Priorities, values, and other considerations for this incident are:

1. Minimize negative impacts to the environment and critical habitat for species at risk.
2. Establish and maintain communications with Provincial and Municipal authorities, local Indigenous communities, and affected industry.
3. Develop incident objectives and employ strategies in accordance with agency policies, procedures, and business rules to achieve incident priorities.

4. Manage the incident in a cost-effective manner:
 - a. Complete financial tracking that will detail costs to be incurred by each Agency. The two (2) agencies will determine, in writing, the responsibilities of each agency with costing and process for cost recovery as soon as possible after Unified Command takes effect.
5. Ensure information is coordinated and released through the establishment of a Joint Information Centre.
6. The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo will be responsible for coordinating resources for: community evacuations, road closures, security in and around the community, reception center, and Emergency Social Services.
 - a. The Town of Fort Smith in coordination with the GNWT department of Municipal and Community Affairs are responsible for community evacuations and reception centers in the NWT; the Department of Infrastructure is responsible for road closures; and the department of Health and Social Services is responsible for Emergency social services.
7. Ensure that operations comply with each agencies safe work policies. If policies conflict, the policy with the more conservative approach will apply.
8. Ensure there is a unified resource tracking for the incident.
9. All documentation related to the incident to be saved in the AB Incident for MWF-026-2025 and provided to each agency upon completion of the incident.
10. Develop a Daily Incident Action Plan according to ICS standards and distribute to incident personnel.
11. Maintain unified command until:
 - a. Communities that undertake evacuation are safe to undergo re-entry and the recommendation has been made to impacted communities that the evacuation order may be lifted.
 - b. the two (2) agencies agree that it is safe to assume command independently in their respective jurisdictions.
 - c. unless otherwise agreed upon by the two (2) agency administrators.

This delegation is effective on 21 June 2025 at 1100hrs and will remain in effect until the wildfire is declared Under Control (UC), at which time each province will assume full responsibility for:

- a. Ongoing suppression efforts,
- b. Supervision of resources, and
- c. Any financial commitments, within their respective jurisdictions.

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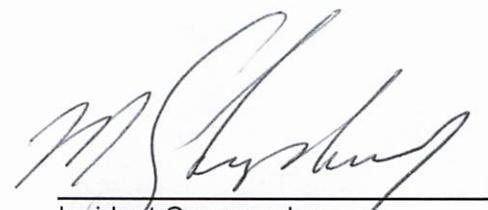
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Incident Commander, ECC
Angela Marie

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Appendix A: AB VAR

NAME	CATEGORY	VAR TYPE	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	Cabin	Trapper Cabin	59.870342	-111.565197
North Leland Lake	Commercial Site	Accommodation	59.937976	-110.992313
Leland Lake	Government Site	Stop-Over Cabin	59.884667	-111.015514
Mary's Cabin	Cabin	Trapper Cabin	59.824749	-111.538534
	Cabin	Trapper Cabin	59.887903	-111.001974
Robert Grandjambe	Cabin	Trapper Cabin	59.9616 24	-111.771641
	Cabin	Trapper Cabin	59.76 4799	-111 .319564
Leland Lakes Cabin	Commercial Site	Accommodation	59.819395	-111.031695
Robert Grandjambe	Cabin	Trapper Cabin	59.926446	-111.787859
	Cabin	Trapper Cabin	59.9425	-111.8566
Four Mile Float Plane Base	Commercial Site	Commercial Recreation	59.946553	-111.860333
Sawmill	Industrial Site	Saw Mill	59.942082	-111.860032
Leland Cabin	Cabin	First Nation Cabin	59.738653	-111.112519
	Cabin	Trapper Cabin	59.706938	-111.267788
	Cabin	Trapper Cabin	59.706083	-111.227117
Richard Young	Cabin	Trapper Cabin	59.698927	-111.363161
	Cabin	Trapper Cabin	59.719109	-111.534804
	Cabin	Trapper Cabin	59.663526	-111.331909
	Cabin	Trapper Cabin	59.98956	-110.69577
Mercredi Lake Camp	Commercial Site	Accommodation	59.915303	-110.691273
	Cabin	Trapper Cabin	59.899178	-110.595365
	Cabin	Trapper Cabin	59.944794	-110.563899
	Cabin	Trapper Cabin	59.569212	-111.417977
Repeater Station	Community Site	Utilities	59.800973	-110.565162
	Cabin	Trapper Cabin	59.748208	-110.612071
Charles Lake Cabin	Commercial Site	Accommodation	59.760961	-110.595386
	Cabin	Trapper Cabin	59.898881	-110.447622
	Cabin	Trapper Cabin	59.52121	-111.418809
	Cabin	Trapper Cabin	59.524375	-111.465657

Please refer to field maps for additional VARs that may not be listed here.

Appendix B: NWT VAR

