

Working on Fire Best Operating Procedures

Western Province BOP for WoF team deployment and rations

Basic principle: User pays all variable costs (food, transport, accommodation etc.)

The crew leader may only commit his ground crew once he has determined the following:

- Where he is to operate (observing 18 watch out situations)
- What are the instructions (observing the 10 standard firefighting orders)
- What communications are in place
- All PPE in order
- All team members comply with minimum training standards
- WC2 forms & WoF IOD info in first aid bags
- Ration supplies in order (see below)

Rations

- WoF stock two 12 hour ration packs per person at each base to be used only when the teams (heli or ground) go to "another" organization/private fire, for example a Cape Nature team to Sanparks or a District Municipality.
- One ration pack is issued per person when dispatched to "another" organisation fire.
- The ration pack may only be used once the team exceeds the normal 8 hour day shift.
- The notification of rations used will be indicated on the WoF route form that must be completed for every movement, even if other than WoF transport are used, then the crew leader must complete the route form with all the information on, including the amount of rations used. (Please do not call Dispatch with rations information.)
- Regional managers & base managers to keep stock figures. RM replenish as necessary
- If the base manager dispatch a WoF team to his own organisation fire, then the base manager must supply all rations from his organizations stock

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- The base manager may only use WoF stock in emergency situations, but would then be invoiced on the user pay principle.
- Once the team is on the fire line, the user is responsible for all further rations supplies after the first 12 hours.
- After the fire season, left over ration packs could be used for sleep over prevention work situations (e.g. firebreaks in mountains) on the user pay principle.
- If a user refuses to pay for variable costs, the Provincial Manager (WoF) must immediately be informed of this breach of good faith. This will obviously influence the future availability of WoF teams to this specific user.