



Packing List for Wildland Fire Support Staff

The Packing List for Wildland Fire Support Staff Job Aid should serve as a baseline for items needed on a wildland fire assignment. This example packing list is for personnel who will not be going to the fireline and will be at an Incident Command Post (ICP) or similar location.

The purpose of this list is to aid support personnel in being prepared for a 14-to-21-day assignment away from their home unit. Additionally, there may be position specific items that you will be required to bring on your assignment. Consider the qualification/position listed on your Resource Order and visit the NWCWG website to obtain the Incident Position Standards (IPS) document for your incident position. Review the IPS prior to departure for any position specific gear lists. Quantities of items may vary depending on length of assignment and mode of travel.

Documentation and Paperwork

Quantity	Item	Comment	Check
1	Incident Qualification Card	Incident Qualification Card or “Red Card.” Must be current and signed. Digital copy or photo will suffice.	
1	Identification Card	Photo identification (driver’s license or passport).	
1	<i>IRPG</i>	<i>NWCG Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG)</i> , PMS 461.	
1	Resource Order	Detailing equipment, location, estimated arrival time, and special needs or instructions for the assignment.	
1	Incident Position Standards (IPS)	IPS for the position you are filling on the assignment, particularly if you are a trainee or trainer. Electronic or hard copy.	
1	Position Task Books (PTB)	Any PTBs you are currently working on or that are “open.”	
1	Crew Time Report (CTR), SF 261	Crew Time Report, SF 261 for recording time on an incident. Electronic or hard copy.	

Functional Equipment/Items

Quantity	Item	Comment	Check
1	Tote or Bag for Equipment	A tote or satchel that holds your supplies (see next row) will help with organization and access when needed.	
As Needed	Writing Utensils, Notebooks, Sticky Notes, Tape	Ensure that you have a good supply at the beginning of the assignment and as needed until you can get supplies from the cache. Review the IPS for position specific gear lists.	
1	Radio (Logistics or Programmable)	If applicable or assigned by home unit. See resource order for checking a radio out on assignment.	
Quantity TBD	Batteries or Clam Shell for Radio	Enough to last for 2 full shifts (48 hours). If a radio is required, you will be able to resupply from the cache.	
Quantity TBD	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Any PPE that might be required for your position. Review the IPS for position specific gear lists.	

Personal Items

Quantity	Item	Comment	Check
1	Personal Gear (PG) Bag or Travel Bag	Standard issue GSA “Red Bag” or comparable gear bag (approximately 85 liters capacity).	
1	Headlamp w/Batteries	Recommend a headlamp that operates on one set of batteries per shift.	
2 sets	Replacement Headlamp Batteries	To fit specific headlamp used. Ensure enough batteries for your headlamp to last over two shifts. Note: AA batteries are most common type carried at incident supply units.	
1	Sleeping Bag	Consider time of year as well as elevation for appropriately rated sleeping bag.	
1	Tent with Rainfly and Stakes	Fire season is associated with thunderstorm activity. High winds and hard rain will likely occur. A properly secured tent and a good rainfly are imperative to ensuring dry sleeping conditions.	
1	Sleeping Pad/Pillow	You will often be sleeping on hard surfaces such as fairground buildings, open areas, or a sports field.	
1	Timepiece w/ Alarm	Wristwatch, cell phone, or fitness tracker with an alarm clock feature. For tracking time through shift and to maintain accountability for wake up/meeting times.	

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1	Hygiene Kit	Items such as toothbrush/paste, dental floss, razor, travel shampoo, soap, deodorant, towel/wash cloth, shower shoes/sandals, allergy medication, prescription medication, wet wipes, menstrual products, nail clippers, hand sanitizer, lip balm, and sunscreen. Occasionally, the medical unit in fire camp will have basic hygiene items or medications but it is not a guarantee.	
Quantity TBD	Eyeglasses/ Contact Lenses	If needed, enough for a 21-day assignment.	
1	Personal First Aid Kit	Recommended minimum includes pain killers (e.g., ibuprofen, acetaminophen), adhesive tape, gauze pads, non-adhesive dressings, face mask, non-latex gloves, blister care, and antiseptic (e.g., betadine).	
1 each	Rain Jacket, Sunglasses, Ball Cap	Be prepared for all weather conditions.	
1	Over Layer	Wool coat, sweatshirt, down jacket, etc. as a warm over layer. Consider the location, elevation, and time of year of your assignment.	
1 each	Stocking Cap & Gloves	Warm layers for cold weather preparation.	
Quantity TBD	Underwear, Shirts, Pants, Belt, Socks	You will wear the same outfit multiple times. You will not be the only one to do so. An extra set of clothes is strongly recommended. Shorts are not acceptable.	
1	Insect Repellent	Mosquitoes and other biting insects are likely to be present.	
1	Ear Plugs/Eye Mask	The ICP or “fire camp” generally has loud equipment such as generators, as well as vehicles and outdoor areas that have bright lights on, often all night.	
1	Pocket Knife	Various uses. If flying on commercial aircraft, ensure it is properly packed.	
1	Appropriate Footwear - Closed-toe Shoes	Camps can be set up in a variety of areas, including fields, parking lots, and wooded areas. Protect your feet. Consult the IPS for your position to determine if additional shoe requirements are required (e.g., steel toe boots).	
Quantity TBD	Cords and/or Portable Chargers for Rechargeable Items	Ensure you have cords for rechargeable equipment. Be aware, even in ICP, electricity to charge items such as phones and headlamps is not always available.	