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There are a number of folks that we may have missed or did not have an e mail address for – please distribute.

Thanks
Greg and Al

Type 3 colleagues

As the Incident Commanders for the Taylor Bridge Fire, Greg and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the successful completion of this assignment. This was a challenging assignment, requiring that everyone be at the top of their game and focused on the task at hand. Upon consideration, the keys to the positive results of this assignment were many, and included;

- Transition from the WA Interagency Incident Management Team #2 (Reed and Rabe) to the Type 3 Team was seamless. Team 2 members did an excellent job of working with each of the sections, providing information, technology and resources, in support of the transition. This included providing an opportunity for each of the Type 3 section leads to “shadow” their counterparts for a day, prior to the Type 2 teams demobilization.
- Transitioning existing resources / members from the type 2 team to the type 3 team. This included the IC, Communication Unit, Operations section, Safety, Division Supervisors, Task Force Leaders, Strike Team Leaders and Strike Teams, Equipment Bosses, Falling Bosses, Palm IR Operators, Heavy Equipment and a 20 Person Hand Crew. In all, approximately 90 + people moved from the type 2 to the Type 3 Team.
- Continued support from a variety of folks, who included – Holli Conti and Nancy Schaff from the SE Region accounting office, Rex Reed and the SE Region Fire Staff, CWICC, Albert Kassel and Gerry Day from Resource Protection Division, . State Mobilization, Kittitas County Fire Chiefs, Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Staff, DNR Agency Administrators Larry Leach and Jed Herman, Assistant DNR SE Region Manager Koshare Eagle and SE Region Manager Todd Welker, **and Chaplin’s Kenton Johnson and Stan Florez**. Many thanks to all of you.
- The hard work and efforts of the field resources – Engines, Tenders, Dozers, Fallers, Crews, IR Operators, etc. who until the very last day, remained diligent in the pursuit of remaining heat and smokes. Your efforts did not go un- noticed.
- The Team members- who worked exceptionally well together, supporting the needs of ground operations and field staff - and each other. Well done.
- Community support remained strong, as we continued to receive outpourings of appreciation from the locals, and beyond.
- Transition to the Type 4 Team went smoothly, with the Type 4 IC and DNR Fire Operations District Manager stating that they were left well prepared- for the transition to a Type 4 Incident Management Team.

Again, Greg and I would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to those of you who supported us, and we look forward to working with you on future assignments.

Alan Lawson & Greg Kelly