

Wildland Fire Incident Complexity Analysis

Wildland fires are typed by complexity, from type 5 (least complex) to type 1 (most complex). The ICS organizational structure develops in a modular fashion based on the complexity of the incident. Complexity is determined by completing an Incident Complexity Analysis and/or an Organizational Needs Assessment.

The Organizational Needs Assessment assists personnel with evaluating the situation, objectives, risks, and management considerations of a complex incident and determining the appropriate organization necessary to manage the incident.

NWCG has issued a memo recommending use of the Organizational Needs Assessment as a replacement to the Type 1, 2, and 3 Complexity Analysis. The BLM has issued an Instruction Memo stating that all fires will have a Complexity Analysis completed and for Type 1 and Type 2 fires, the Organizational Needs Assessment may be completed to supplement this complexity analysis.