**READ/REAF - SCENARIO # 1:**

**You arrived at the Incident Command Post (ICP) on your first day of your assignment as RESOURCE ADVISOR on the Acme Fire at 06:00. The fire is on the neighboring Forest to your home unit. You have been unable to locate Check-In or anyone in authority.**

**It is now 06:50 and you are among the crowd of folks assembling at the Daily Operational Briefing location. Briefing starts at 07:00.**

**A nervous looking man approaches and asks if you are the READ. He is “*doing PLANS for now and will be leading the briefing.*”**

**He asks you your name, points to the Incident Action Plans (IAP) being handed out on the other side of the room, and advises that he will point to you for a Resource Advisor Message at some point during the briefing, saying: “*Keep it brief – no more than 2 minutes – we gotta get these firefighters out to the fireline”.***

**You know that:**

* **The fire started a couple of days ago; initial attack was not successful; and the fire is evolving in complexity and actively growing.**
* **The fire is at least partially within the Acme Wilderness, but you don’t know any more specifics than that, either about the Wilderness, or about any specific natural or cultural resource concerns or sensitivities in this area.**

**What do you say at Briefing ?**

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**READ/REAF - SCENARIO # 2:**

**You are one of 4 REAFs on the Whistler Complex – 3 fires burning actively for the past 10 days in the Cloudland Wilderness on the Mill Run National Forest. The Cloudland Wilderness is mostly higher elevation mountain slopes, with several known peaks and vistas, and several popular hiking and horse trails. Smith’s Type 2 Incident Management Team is managing this complex under a confine/contain strategy, and most of the active fire suppression efforts are in point protection of isolated private cabins.**

**You arrived by GOV at Drop Point 30 at the end of Forest Road #66 at 09:30 hours, and prepare to hike to the fireline to tie in with the Division Supervisor on Division Yankee to discuss some concerns she has on contingency fireline location options. All division resources are already in the woods on the fireline.**

**As you gear up, two PIOs arrive in one vehicle, followed by a 2-person crew (reporter/videographer) from the semi-local TV station WWTF in one SUV, and one reporter/photographer from the local Anytown Gazette newspaper in a separate car.**

**One PIO recognizes you as a REAF, comes running over, and begs for your help to answer questions the media has, mostly about Wilderness. He, and his trainee PIO, are new on the incident, are from a state agency, and acknowledge that they know little to nothing about Wilderness.**

**You have enough time before your arranged meeting with the DIVS to spend 30 minutes longer at the DP. Both you and the PIOs know that this DP is as close to the fire as the media or the public can get from this area.**

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**READ/REAF - SCENARIO # 3:**

**You have been ordered as the first and only REAF on the Quebec Fire – now 450-acres and burning away from a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) area of mixed private and USFS lands and into the Lonesome Wilderness. Firefighting efforts so far have been focused on the private lands and protecting homes, structures, and a developed campground. There is no estimate of containment at this time.**

**You are from a District on the other end of the same Milquetoast National Forest. The local District Ranger, who values working forests and timber production, not “locking things up” as Wilderness, is the Agency Administrator for this fire. He has only been on the forest for 2 years and just last month got certified as an AA. There are very few fires historically on this end of the forest, none in this Wilderness in recent years, and the Ranger does not have a strong fire background. A non-local Type-3 Incident Management Team is running the fire.**

**You and the District Ranger arrange to meet before you Check-In at the Incident Command Post. When you arrive, he advises that he must get on a call with the Forest Supervisor in 20 minutes, but wants you and he both to be “on the same page” during your assignment.**

**What do you say and what do you ask in the limited time you have available ?**

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**READ/REAF - SCENARIO # 4:**

**You are working in the office one day during fire season. In the late afternoon, the District Ranger calls you into her office. The Zone Fire Management Officer, serving as the Zone Duty Officer, is already there.**

**A two-person crew has confirmed that a smoke report is indeed an active fire. They can see it from a USFS road. Initial Size-up:**

* **midslope, about 8-10 acres, burning actively uphill away from the road,**
* **Close to the Ugly Mug Wilderness. The Wilderness boundary is located somewhere along this sideslope. If the fire is not already within Wilderness, it will be soon,**
* **there are no structures or installations on the ridgetop above the fire,**
* **there are old mine shafts from pre-USFS ownership in this general area,**
* **there are known populations of a globally rare plant species on some southwest facing ridges in this general area.**

**The Initial Attack IC plans to hike into the heel of the fire with her one firefighter before dark, get an accurate location (lat/long), and report back. She advises via radio “*this fire is heading to the top-quick*”.**

**The DR and DO have already ordered resources from neighboring districts, and requested two handcrews (either HC1 or HC2I), and a Type 3 helicopter. Due to other ongoing fires, these resources will not arrive until tomorrow morning. The day will start with morning briefing at 0700. Both the DR and DO want you to serve as REAF, and want your input on a “skeletal” Incident Action Plan (IAP) they are preparing for that briefing. Their general plan is for personnel to hike in from the bottom, secure the heel of the fire, split into two groups, and direct attack each flank – Division A and Division Z.**

**What are your inputs as you, the Ranger, and the Duty Officer discuss:**

* **ICS 202 – INCIDENT OBJECTIVES.**
* **ICS 204s – Division/Group Assignments (one for Div A, one for Div B)**
	+ **Control Operations, Work Assignments, Special Instructions.**
* **Safety Message.**
* **Anything Else ???.**

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**READ/REAF - SCENARIO # 5:**

**You are the one-and-only REAF on the Curly Fire, an 800-acre fire located partially within the Moen-Larry Wilderness on the Shepp National Forest.**

**The Forest Supervisor has already authorized the use of chain saws, leaf blowers, portable pumps, and helicopter water drops at the request of the Incident Commander. Due to both Wilderness and TESLR (endangered bat habitat) concerns, all resources have been advised NOT to fell/fall any standing trees, live or dead, without specific approval from the Resource Advisor.**

**You have spent the morning inspecting the handline on Division Bravo, and are hiking out to be at the daily planning meeting at 14:00. The DIVS on Division Foxtrot contacts you on the command channel on the radio.**

***“ Resource Advisor Jones, this is Division Foxtrot. Can you face-to face with me near the Foxtrot/Golf division break sometime within the next two hours ? ”***

**You cannot physically do that and also make the planning meeting, which on this specific day you must attend, as it will focus on demobing some resources and planning for rehab work. You ask what his need is.**

***“ We have a standing snag with active fire inside that we need to get on the ground – it’s a real hazard. ”***

**Option A: There is limited cellphone coverage on the fire. How do you proceed ?**

**Option B: There is NO cellphone coverage on the fire. How do you proceed ?**