

Risk Assessment Worksheet		1. Project/Incident/Work Activity: Volunteer and Partner Work - COVID19 Pandemic			2. Location: Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest				
3. Specific Objective: Risks Associated with the Spread of COVID-19 specific to Volunteer and Partnership Programs		4. Name and Title of Preparer: Pacific Northwest Regional Office - Safety, Doug Hoffmaster, OCCE, Brenna White, RLM, Zach Jarrett, and Acting MSBNF Deputy Fire Staff -Hans Redinger			5. Date Prepared: Friday, June 5, 2020				
6. Risk Decision Authority: The risk decision authority block should be signed after the worksheet is completed. Use the Risk Decision Authority matrix to determine the authorization required to sign in block 6.									
Signature: NICOLE BRANTON <small>Digitally signed by NICOLE BRANTON Date: 2020.06.09 15:35:06 -07'00'</small>		Title: Forest Supervisor			Date:				
Identify Hazards		Assess Hazards		Risk Control Options			Residual Risk	Decision	Implement

7. Task	8. Hazard	9. Hazard Probability	10. Severity / Consequence	11. RAC	12. Identify hazard mitigations & abatement measures (press [alt + enter] to add a line)	13. Hazard Probability	14. Severity / Consequence	15. RAC	16. Task Necessary?	17. Hazard Control Assigned to:
Group transportation	Spread of COVID 19	Likely	Critical	Extremely High	Follow local, state and federal guidelines to determine occupancy of vehicles or if travel in multiple vehicles is possible. Follow mitigation measures listed in the "Transportation" Risk Assessment.	Unlikely	Critical	Moderate		
Working in a group setting	Spread of COVID 19	Possible	Critical	High	Ensure all participants are healthy (no symptoms or known exposure to COVID-19 based on CDC directions) prior to heading to work project; retain "health" levels of group overall by minimizing contacts with other groups including other employees or participants that are not part of work group. Wash hands frequently, maintain minimum of 6 feet for social Distancing at all times; expand social distance if arduous activity is resulting in hard breathing to help ensure others are out of "slip stream" of suspended particles. As a result of social distancing large items that require more than one person to move (i.e. large rocks) may be left in place. Do not share water bottles or other food/beverage items. Follow local, state, and federal guidelines and best practices.	Unlikely	Critical	Moderate		
Solo or 2 person work crew	Spread of COVID 19	Possible	Moderate	Moderate	Expand social distance if arduous activity, such as hauling heavy materials up a steep slope/trail, is resulting in hard breathing to help ensure others are out of "slip stream" of suspended particles; for cross cut saw operations or other operations where participants must be in close contact with each other to do the work, wear a mask or other nonmedical mask type barrier if possible. As a result of social distancing large items that require more than one person to move (i.e. large rocks) may be left in place.	Unlikely	Moderate	Low		
Tool use	Spread of COVID 19	Possible	Moderate	Moderate	Assign tools to individuals - wipe down on a daily basis to reduce potential inadvertent contamination; if tools are shared wipe down handles and other parts that are handled by others with disinfectant before use by another individual; when transporting, disinfect/wipe down before next use.	Unlikely	Moderate	Low		
Lodging govt quarters	Spread of COVID 19	Likely	Critical	Extremely High	Follow all regional/forest and grassland direction re: occupancy levels, spacing, sanitation, social distancing, food prep, storage, community areas, and any other CDC requirements.	Unlikely	Critical	Moderate		
Public Contact while working on a Work Project	Spread of COVID 19	Likely	Moderate	High	Maintain Social Distancing of at least 6 feet - step off and away from trail or away from project if needed, to allow public to pass; when questions are asked retain social distancing and ask public to do the same - for everyone's health. If a member of the public is breathing hard due to exercise/hiking up a hill or for a reason that is not apparent, expand social distancing to ensure not in proximity to potential droplets as they talk and/or pass by. If possible, avoid working on popular recreation sites.	Possible	Moderate	Moderate		
Camping	Spread of COVID 19	Likely	Moderate	High	Maintain Social Distancing of at least 6 feet - set up individual tents for each member at least 6 feet apart with ability to know where all crew members are at for safety; keeping in mind bear safety, create a kitchen/cooking area large enough to retain social distancing during food prep and/or consider individual spots for each to prepare own food; for dish washing use assign one person per shift to do, setting up 3 or 4 tub wash/rinse stations, assign latex or rubber gloves to each person for dish washing duties - do not share; if sharing water purification system, assign folks to do for the day or week for crew (or have individual water systems that are not shared) and disinfect handle and other touchable surfaces before next person takes their "shift"; for bathroom area, practice LNT principles and keep open airflow such as a potty (position doorway so not facing rest of communal area and door can be left open when in use); for cleaning toilet seat follow CDC guidance. For food storage, disinfect bear boxes or containers after each person handles; when hanging food, wash hands after handling ropes and containers/bags.	Unlikely	Moderate	Low		

Radio communications and check-ins	Spread of COVID 19	Unlikely	Moderate	Low	Be aware of communication options available and communication plans. Ensure all participants know how to use a radio. Assign one person to do radio check-ins for a set period. Disinfect radio per manufacturer's instruction or Agency guidance before use by another user, especially front of radio where it may be held close to the face/mouth for communications.	Unlikely	Moderate	Low		
Initial start to service	Spread of COVID 19	Possible	Moderate	Moderate	Ensure all participants are healthy (USDA Onboarding Guide for Hiring Managers During Covid-19 - http://fswweb.wo.fs.fed.us/hrm/COVID-19/index.php#two) prior to beginning service. If participant or volunteer is coming from an area in the region where there is high community spread, consider state or local guidance requirements for residents, before proceeding out on a backcountry project. Encourage "safe travel tips" for participants based on CDC guidance, even when travel is locally based.	Unlikely	Moderate	Low		
Immersion crew	Spread of COVID 19	Possible	Moderate	Moderate	14-Day work period should follow "Working in a Group Setting" mitigations including social distancing and wearing appropriate PPE. Once crew members have worked together for a 14-day period, and once out on the trail/at the immersion crew location, members can work and live in closer proximity as a regular crew would be able to do. Maintain vigilance for any health issues to ensure that crew members do not have delayed symptoms. If "new" person is needed as part of group project and will be joining crew mid-season, entire crew will follow "Working in Group Setting" mitigations for 14 days. Minimize crew member "switch outs."	Unlikely	Moderate	Low		
Showing COVID-19 symptoms	Spread of COVID 19	Likely	Critical	Extremely High	Follow relevant agency guidance for backcountry crew situations (such as guidance developed for fire crews). Isolate and quarantine as quickly as possible from other crew members, making sure able to monitor health of individual and provide supportive care as needed and at a distance if possible (such as prepping/leaving food and water outside tent door; checking verbally and frequently how they are doing by talking on the other side of the tent; setting up a separate bathroom area close by/just for them, etc.); wear masks or some sort of face cover/non-surgical mask at all times, wash hands frequently. If in backcountry or remote location, notify FS dispatch immediately per local radio/communication/evacuation protocols re: COVID-19, so that first responders and medivac transport/personnel are aware of a potential COVID-19 evacuation. Notify local USFS unit office as soon as possible. Monitor rest of crew for signs of exposure/infection. Initiate social distancing, mask wearing even though crew has been "cleared" prior to project as all being healthy. Once person who is suspected of COVID-19 is safely evacuated, bring crew and their respective gears, tools, etc. into pre-determined quarantine location, so that if needed, members are able to access medical care quickly; quarantine for 14 days, also ensuring that all members are being checked on/monitored for any changes in health conditions. Sanitize all gear, equipment, vehicle, tools, etc. after quarantine period is over, to prevent contamination/re-contamination of gear prior to being "cleared." For FS volunteers or cooperator volunteers where the FS is providing workers' compensation coverage, follow all workers' compensation claim procedures.	Possible	Critical	High		
Group size	Spread of COVID 19	Possible	Moderate	Moderate	Manage group sizes relative to current federal, state or local direction. Encourage groups to have a process for volunteers to sign-up in advance so projects can be arranged to minimize group size. Do not conduct general volunteer days without a pre-signup mechanism to control group size. Maintain social distancing during project, follow other local, state, and CDC guidance.	Unlikely	Moderate	Low		
Situational office entry	Spread of COVID 19	Possible	Critical	High	Encourage conversations by video chat, phone and/or radio to limit visits to office. If entry to a District office and/or compound is necessary, volunteer and/or participant will contact their US Forest Service point of contact to request approval by Line Officer. If approved, follow mitigation measures listed in the "Situational Office Entry" Risk Assessment and any District guidelines and procedures.	Unlikely	Critical	Moderate		
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