

Group 7
Birddog 58
 Electra L-188 (1)
 Tail #: 485



Group 8
Birddog 133
 Convair 580 (1)
 Tail #: 453



**WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT BRANCH
 AVIATION COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES**

OUTSIDE CLASS F AIRSPACE (Transiting to and from the fire)

All aircraft will monitor the VFR mandatory frequency of ____ and the primary initial attack frequency of ____
 Ensure transponder is on and squawking **1200** code
 All aircraft will follow visual flight regulations including the required cruising altitudes

Westerly track (180-360 deg), maintain **even** altitude +500 feet

Easterly track (000-180 deg), maintain **odd** altitude +500 feet

APPROACHING CLASS F AIRSPACE (Approaching the fire)

If there is **NO** airspace manager (Birddog or ATGS), all aircraft will call **5 minutes back** on the primary initial attack air advisory frequency

If no response, proceed to **2 minutes back**

If still no response and there is a known aircraft in the zone,

DO NOT proceed inbound until communications are established

All aircraft operating in the un-managed fire airspace will maintain their own separation using

If an airspace manager (Birddog or ATGS), **is activated**, all aircraft must call them on the **assigned air advisory frequency (established by the birddog or ATGS):**

When approaching Class F airspace **5 minutes back**

If no response, proceed to **2 minutes back**

If still no response and there is a known aircraft in the zone,

DO NOT proceed inbound until communications are established

THE AIRSPACE MANAGER (BIRDDOG OR ATGS) WILL REQUIRE:

- Your aircraft **registration**
- Your **altitude, position and direction** of approach
- Your **intentions:**
 “Birddog 132, this is GYHB on air advisory”
 “I am 5 minutes back from the west at 3500 feet”
 “I would like to drop off my crew off at the tail of the fire”

The birddog will provide:

- an **altimeter** setting
- **clearance** and/or **holding** instructions



**AIR TANKER GROUP
 SET UP
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Air Advisory	
Initial Attack Only	
VHF-AM Frequency	Frequency Allocation
	Primary
	Secondary
	Alternate

Group 1

Birddog 127

Air Tractor 802 AMF (4)
Tail #'s: 683, 684, 688, 690



Group 3

Birddog 132

CL-215T (4)
Tail #'s: 201, 202, 203, 204



Group 5

Birddog 126

Air Tractor 802 Wheeled (3)
Tail #'s: 679, 681, 682



Group 2

Birddog 130

Convair 580 (1)
Tail #: 454



Group 4

Birddog 55

Electra L-188 (1)
Tail #: 490



Group 6

Birddog 54

Electra L-188 (1)
Tail #: 484

