

CALIFORNIA WILDLAND FIRE COORDINATING GROUP



SAFETY ALERT

March 2, 2012

In 2019 the National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) will no longer allow the U. S. Forest Service the use of 170.000 MHz. There is no opportunity to replace 170.000 with another single statewide Air to Ground frequency. 170.000 will now be replaced with 7 additional Air to Ground frequencies. Basically we are losing the use 170.000, but we will be gaining 7 additional Air to Ground frequencies for use in California. This will allow each sub-geographic area to have a primary and a secondary Air to Ground frequency. NIFC will continue to use 170.000 for large fire support until 2019 when it will no longer be available.

Region 5 has use of 170.000 until June 1, 2012. At that time we are required to use the newly assigned Air to Ground frequencies. All cooperators are urged to program radios to the new Air to Ground Frequency prior to June 1, 2012 (See the attached map for frequency locations).

- Radio system users such as dispatchers and initial attack units will need to be familiar with the new Air to Ground frequency assignments.
- Dispatchers will need to insure to announce the Air to Ground frequency to responding units upon initial dispatch.
- The primary air to ground frequency will be pre-assigned to the forests in the sub-geographic area. Use of the secondary frequency will need to be request and approved by the GACC.
- Remind operations personnel if they cannot contact an aviation asset on the assigned frequency to attempt to make initial contact on Air Guard (168.625 Tone 1) this frequency is for initial or emergency aircraft contact only.
- Frequency changes are going to continue to occur as frequency allocations change. Firefighting resources are encouraged to keep informed of frequency changes.

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Region 5

Forest Service IA Air to Ground FM 2012

(Replacement for 170.000)


(Sensitive but unclassified information and not releasable
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Air to Ground	Forest/ECC
CA01	SRF / Fortuna
R5 AG-1 167.6000 (P)	KNF / Yreka
R5 AG-2 166.8750 (S)	SHF / Redding
	MDF / Modoc
	LNF / Susanville
CA02	PNF / Plumas
R5 AG-3 167.5000 (P)	TNF / Grass Valley
R5 AG-4 169.1125 (S)	MNF / Mendocino
	ENF / Camino
	TMU / Camino

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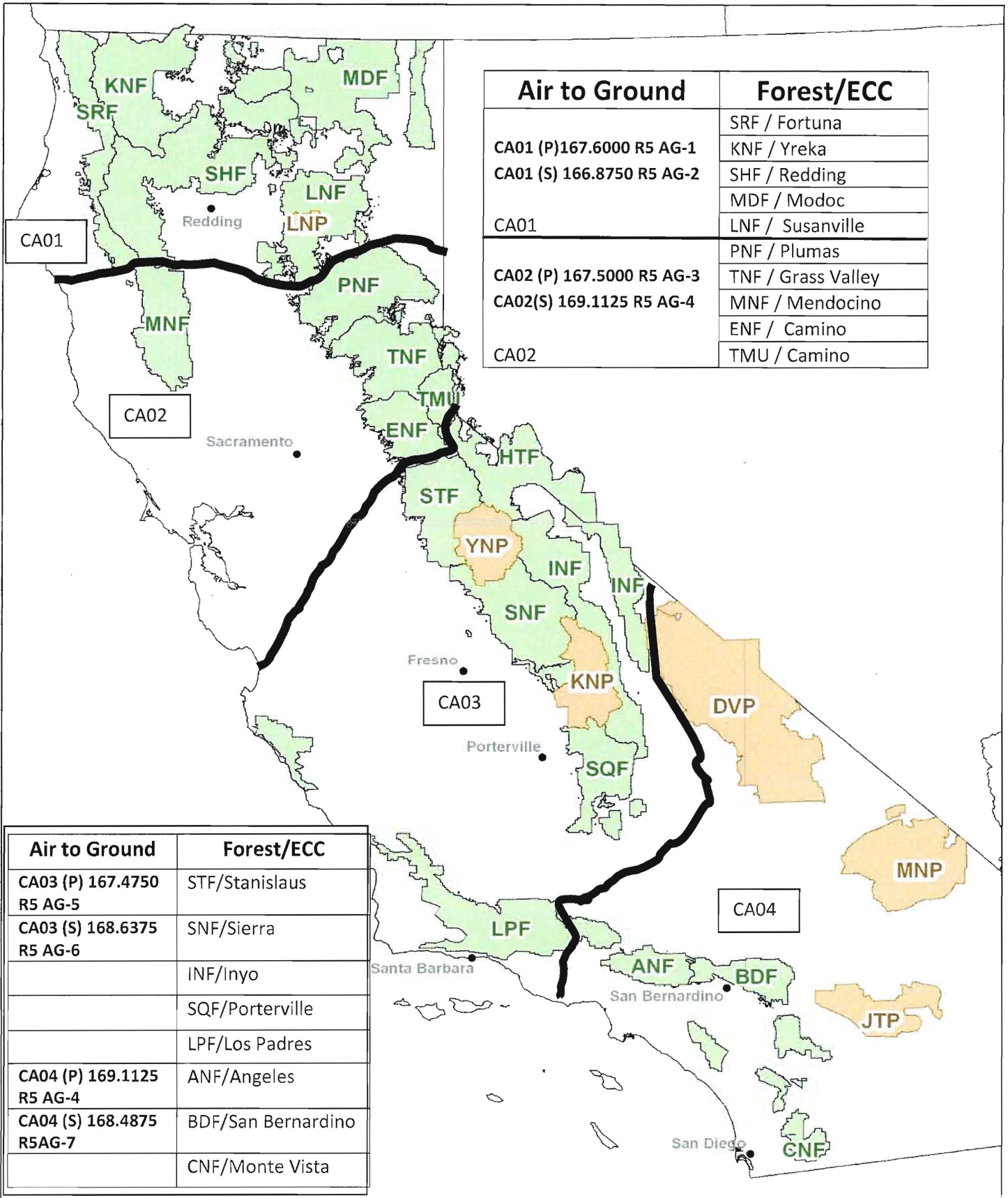
Air to Ground	Forest/ECC
CA03	STF / Stanislaus
R5 AG-5 167.4750 (P)	SNF/ Sierra
R5 AG-6 168.6375 (S)	INF / Inyo
	SQF/ Portville
	LPF / Los Padres
CA04	ANF / Angeles
R5 AG-4 169.1125 (P)	CNF / Monte Vista
R5 AG-7 168.4875 (S)	BDF / San Bernardino

If you have questions regarding these frequency allocations contact the GACC frequency manager.


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Region 5 California Frequency Zones

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CA01 (P) 167.6000 R5 AG-1 CA01 (S) 166.8750 R5 AG-2	SRF / Fortuna
	KNF / Yreka
	SHF / Redding
	MDF / Modoc
CA01	LNF / Susanville
CA02 (P) 167.5000 R5 AG-3 CA02(S) 169.1125 R5 AG-4	PNF / Plumas
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CA03 (P) 167.4750 R5 AG-5	STF/Stanislaus
CA03 (S) 168.6375 R5 AG-6	SNF/Sierra
	INF/Inyo
	SQF/Porterville
	LPF/Los Padres
CA04 (P) 169.1125 R5 AG-4	ANF/Angeles
CA04 (S) 168.4875 R5AG-7	BDF/San Bernardino
	CNF/Monte Vista