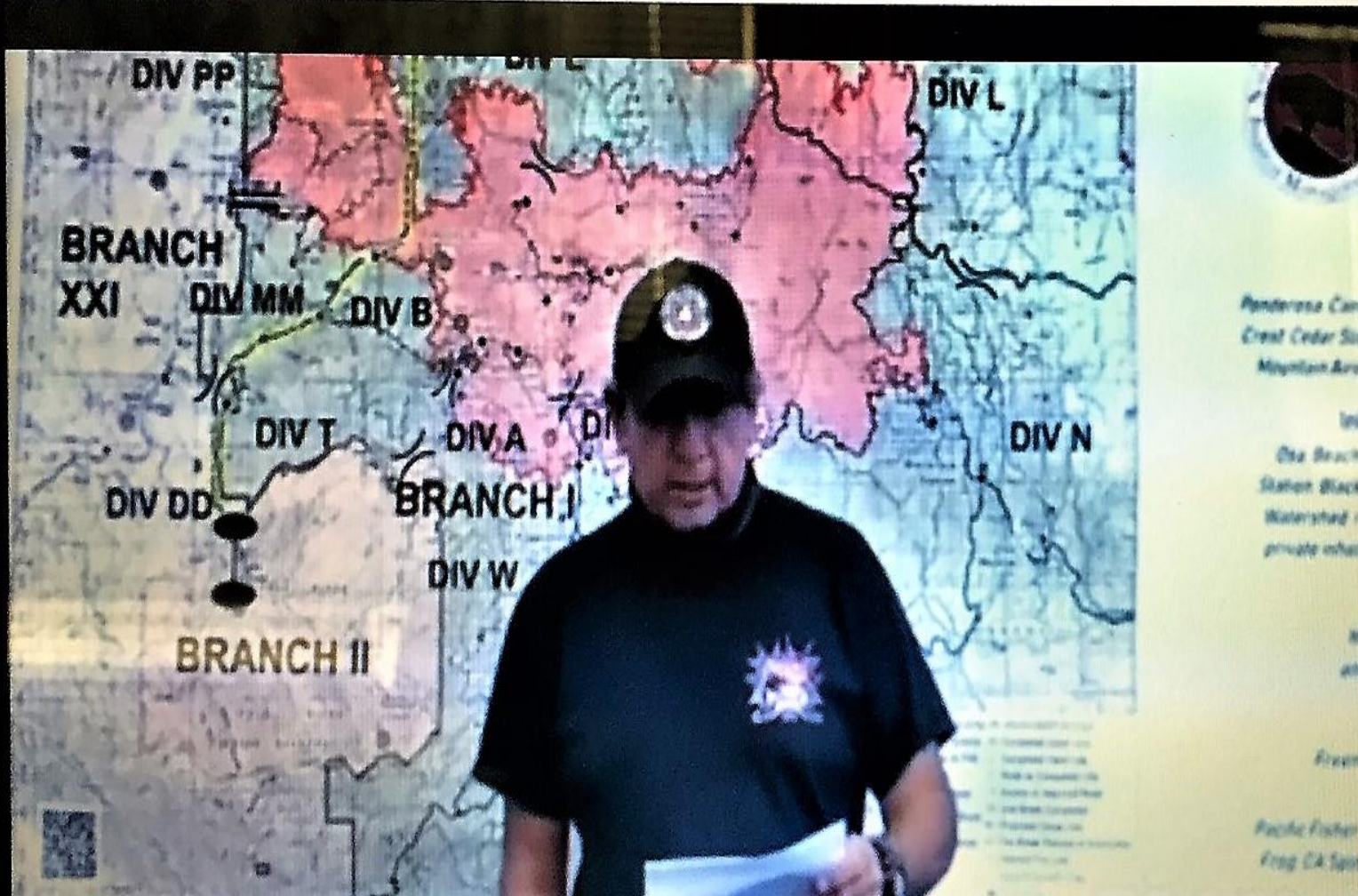





**Cultural Justice for Tribes**  
“From a Tribal Liaison’s perspective”




## Sequoia Complex Fire (S Community Meeting

 U.S. Forest Service - Sequoia  
was live.  
2 hours ago

Comments


Comments (354)

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 U.S. Forest Service - Sequoia  
Forest 30:18 As a reminder  
Complex has an interactive map  
Residents can go to the link  
distance between the fire per  
communities. Once you open  
go to the upper right and click  
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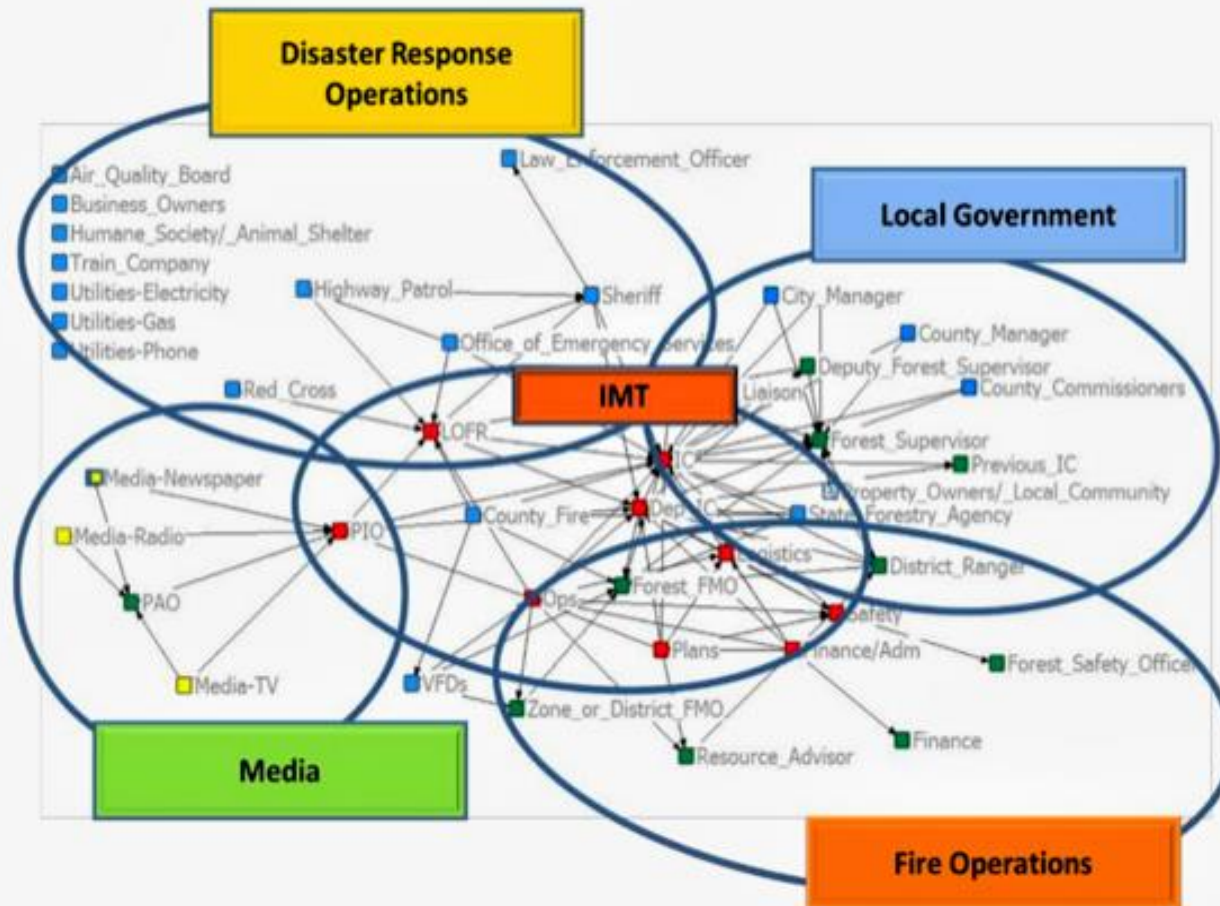
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2 Replies 12 mins

 Ann Marie Gurka-Griffin  
in Alpine Village, how come it  
assessed? It has been a wee

Serve as Liaison between Incident Commander and local Tribes and NA groups in terms of information updates and issues of concern to the NA community. I work closely with all IMT Liaisons.

**Figure 1: Wildfire Incident Response as a Network Response**



**Communicate, Coordinate, Cooperate.  
One Language, One Voice, One Response.**

I reach out and start communicating to the tribes immediately per the IC and Area Administrators direction and support.

Carefully listen to the tribal experts/designated reps and carry the message forward in a prompt and timely manner.

Stress the importance of the Resource Advisors (READ) Team.

Promote use & access of all modes of social media/info sharing (Evac links)



Executive briefings are a must! These were requested by the Incident Management Team(s) and the Agency Administrator(s). Respect tribal sovereignty. Remember the Central Valley Tribal Emergency Management Summits held in the past.

**We're not strangers, we're partners!**

(Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone intertribal briefing, Tule River Tribal briefing)



Never forget about the extremely dangerous conditions that are still occurring. Patience and timing matters a lot. Access, escape routes and safety zones change frequently. Be ready.



I'll try to do my best to gain an understanding of what I need to consult about and with who. (Aerial recon on SQF Complex)



Communicating ahead of time the Incident Objectives  
(General control and Management Objectives)

What happens next?; Consider suppression repair (dozer lines; values at risk; tribal mitigation measures and involvement, etc.)

Coordination of Site visits to Areas of Tribal Importance. Safety first!!!



# Importance of having a Tribal Liaison

- Having somebody upfront and center to help tribes;
- Be that buffer between tribes and IMT's; they know people; they know the lay of the land;
- Attend all briefings, and cooperators meetings to bring back solid intel to tribal leaders who are focused on the safety & security of their citizens/community; act in a way to help off-set time management for tribal leaders;
- Consider the stressful situations of tribal leaders to take control and ensure members have adequate needs to survive;
- Liaisons provide helpful info, such as large maps, IAP's, notification of upcoming events; handle questions/get answers, share tribal recommendations and connections.

Fire season is not over. The spectre of COVID19 lingers over all aspects of the emergency management situation. Share all Safety messages with your community and co-workers.  
Be kind to each other.

