Radio procedures

Have ready: Your name or name and the work party. The repeater you are calling from. This is displayed in the small window on the radio. Hold radio upright with the back of the radio facing the repeater.

Test repeater response: Push down on the broadcast button on the side of the radio and release. If the repeater you are trying to reach receives the signal then the radio will emit a squelch sound. If there is no response, try another repeater. Check your sheet for other repeaters.

Listen for traffic: If you hear talking on the radio when you are ready to start, wait for that discussion to end before you call in. You will know when Dispatch is done talking when Dispatch says: “This is KOExxxq at 10:15” or whatever the time is.

Calling into Dispatch: Push down the broadcast button and say:

“Quilcene, this is your last name on repeaters name.”

wait 30-60 seconds for a response. If no response, call in again.

When you get a response say:

“This is your last name or last name with work party, we are starting our saw operation.”

(or starting our work on the trail for the day.)

“We your last name clear.”

This tells others that you are done talking.

When you have finished your short conversation with Dispatch:

If you don’t get a response after 3 tries:

Then:

“No contact, your last name clear.”

Wait a few minutes and call in again. Dispatch can get very busy at times. If you are within range of other repeaters you can hear the traffic (talking). If you hear traffic, wait for this discussion to end before calling in.

If you are outside the range of other repeaters you will not hear the other traffic that Dispatch could be talking with, be patient.

Ending the day/operation call into Dispatch:

“Quilcene, this is your last name on repeaters name”

When you get a response say:

“This is your last name or last name with work party, we are ending our saw operation.”

(or ending our work on the trail for the day.)

When you have finished your short conversation with Dispatch:

“Your last name clear.”