

INITIAL WILDFIRE CAUSE ASSESSMENT FORM

This form to be completed **by the RWCO** within 24 hours if practicable depending on resource capacity of fire discovery as per Ministry Policy 9.6 and [Standard Operating Procedure](#).

REQUIREMENTS FOR FORM COMPLETION: If there is no Fire Origin and Cause recommended, then this form **MUST** have the rationale completed, signed off and filed electronically in the **Incident drive file folder**. If there is a Fire Origin and Cause recommended, then this form **MAY** be used as supporting documentation (e.g. to person carrying out the FOC **AND** electronically filed in the **Incident drive file folder**).

INCIDENT NUMBER AND GENERAL LOCATION: _____

Wildfire Origin and Cause Report Required?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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Incident Commander Name		Date:
Contact information		Form Completed Time:

INITIAL INCIDENT INFORMATION: (Tick all boxes that apply and provide details in Remarks):

Crown land?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Remarks:
Crown asset?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Private property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3 rd Party property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Structures involved?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Known Area of Interest	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Identifiable Responsible Party?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (specify)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other agencies involved?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Recommend another agency Be involved (RCMP? COS?)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Origin and Cause Report NOT required - Provide rationale and the cause of the fire here:

Signature can be typed – handwritten signature not necessary if completing electronically)

Regional Wildfire Coordination Officer:

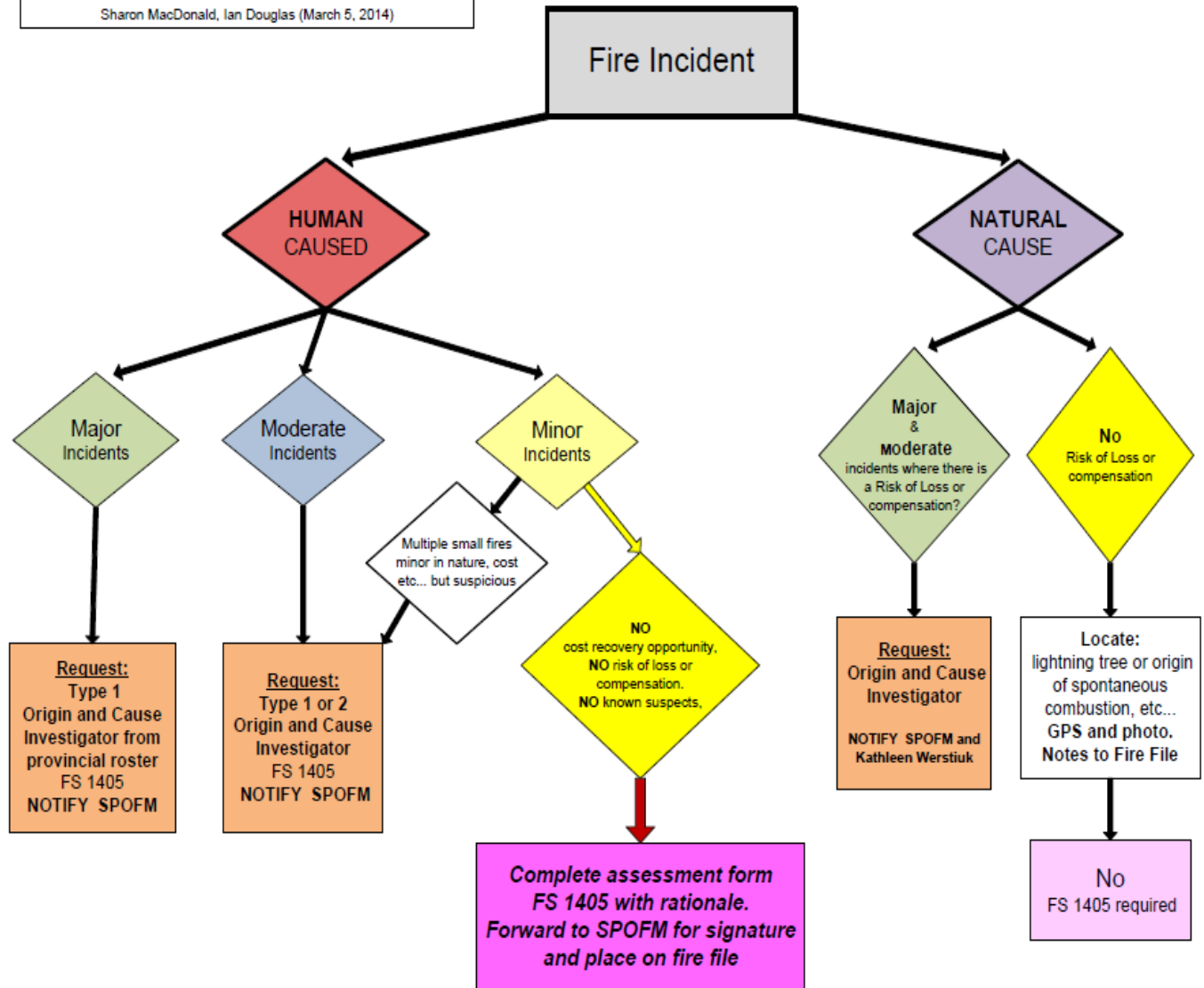
Date Signed

SPO-FM Reviewed:

Date Reviewed

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**Draft Origin and Cause
decision tree for reverse side of assessment
form FS 1405**
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Major fire:

- significant size, public concern,
- Major Wild land urban interface fires;
- High Costs;
- High damages to Crown Land;
- High damages or costs involving insurance on private land,
- Arson suspected criminal activity

Required:
Type 1 Origin and Cause Investigator

Moderate Fire (majority of fires in BC)

- potential for and against the crown
- suspected contraventions,
- cost recovery opportunities, such as fires initiating on private lands, crown land (leaseholder or occupier)

Required:
Type 1 or 2 Origin and Cause Investigator depending on complexity see SPOFM

Minor Fires:

- Non Arson,
- Minor damages,
- minor costs,
- no person identified
- Accidental and minor costs FI 110

Trained or type 2 trained staff on site can complete data gathering and place on fire file