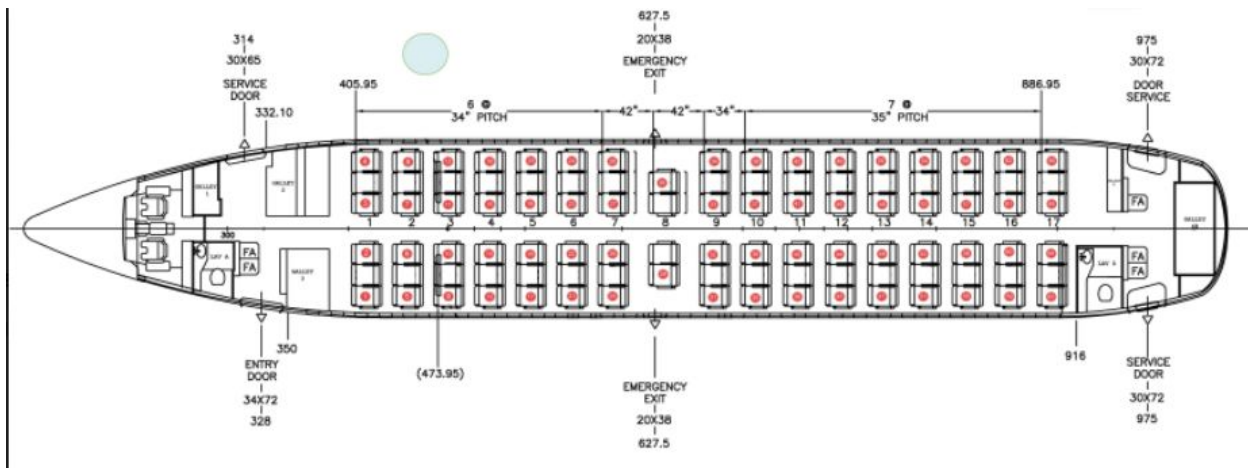


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Large Transportation Jet Operations 2020

The National Interagency Fire Center released information regarding the large transportation jet operations (Sierra Pacific 737-500). The mandatory availability period begins 6/15/20 (90 day contract) and the base of operations is Tucson, Arizona. To achieve social distancing, seating is reduced to 66 passengers as shown below. The cabin will be disinfectant prior to and after passenger boarding. Face coverings are not required, but highly encouraged. A four question self assessment, covering travel in the prior 14 days, close contact with a person with symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test/in isolation, and a personal symptoms check should be completed prior to travel to a designated mobilization center and again prior to boarding the aircraft.



Sawtooth Fire

Observations from the Sawtooth fire in Arizona related to COVID-19 can be found [here](#). One of the recommendations is simplified and standardize the expectations for mitigation. This would help avoid confusion and be sure that the messages are communicated clearly and consistently. Some documents have been produced in an attempt to address this issue. Here is a BLM created [document](#) that can be used as an Incident Response Pocket Guide insert. Another, created by Dr. Jennifer Symonds, Fire and Aviation Management Medical Officer for the USDA Forest Service clarifies [fireline and fire camp mitigation guidelines](#). It can be accessed through the [Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center](#).