FIREX-AQ
7/22/19-8/19/19
Boise, ID
Deployment Guide
SITE ORIENTATION
Stay tuned for updates to this guide. Particularly to the Transportation and National Guard Base Access sections. The descriptions presented here represent the best understanding of the processes at the time. As we start actually going through the processes some variation is quite likely to occur.

BOISE AIRPORT/GOWEN FIELD
The Boise airport lies south of the city of Boise and southeast of most development in the region. The Boise airport is a dual use airfield with the commercial facility on the north-eastern side of the runways and the Air National Guard facility on the south-western side of the runways.

 LODGING
ESPO has set up room blocks at the Courtyard by Marriott Downtown (222 S. Broadway Ave.), Residence Inn (1401 S. Luck Place) and Spring Hill Inn & Suites (424 E. Parkcenter Blvd.). See: https://espo.nasa.gov/firex-aq/content/FIREX-AQ_Lodging

TRANSPORTATION
Groups should make their own reservations for rental cars. Most major rental car companies have desks in the terminal on the commercial side of the airport. Share cars as much as possible to keep the overall costs down. ESPO is working to arrange a shuttle bus to take those that arrive on the DC-8 from the flight-line to the Pass Office (those without federal credentials, both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals, will need to get base passes at the Pass Office their first time on-base) and then to the rental car center on the commercial side of the airport. There should be some participants that will have arrived before the DC-8 that can also transport people from the flight-line to the badge office and then to the rental car center.

DIRECTIONS TO NATIONAL GUARD BASE GATE
From any of the hotels proceed south to Interstate Highway 84 and head north to the Orchard Street exit. At the traffic light at the end of the offramp turn left onto South Orchard Street. Stay on South Orchard Street and go around the north end of the air field. Keep going on South Orchard Street after it turns into West Gowen Road. Turn left at General Manning Avenue and proceed to the guard gate.

NATIONAL GUARD BASE ACCESS
There are three classifications of FIREX participants as far as the Air National Guard is concerned: 1) United States citizens with federal credentials (either a CAC or PIV), 2) United States citizens without federal credentials, and 3) foreign nationals. The first-time those without federal credentials, either U.S. citizens or foreign nationals, enter the base they will need to go to the Pass Office (Building 514, on the southeast side of General Manning Avenue at the intersection with Harvard Street (see map)). The Pass Office will take a photograph and fingerprints and then issue a base pass. United States citizens with federal credentials should be able to get through the guard gate after presenting their federal credentials to the guard and having the guard verify that their name is on the FIREX project’s Entry Authorization List (EAL). Both the United States citizens without federal credentials and the foreign nationals should be able to get through the guard gate after presenting their base pass to the guard and having the guard verify that their name is on the FIREX project’s EAL. After getting through the gate proceed along General Manning Avenue to Ellsworth Street and turn right. Proceed on Ellsworth Street as it turns into Aeronca Street. Be alert as Aeronca Street crosses an active taxiway just prior to hangar 1530 (which will be on
your left). Turn left into the hangar 1530 parking area. There is a map of the base, with the route to follow indicated, on pages 3 and 4 of this guide.

COMMUNICATIONS
The ESPO team will be sending out the Plan of the Day, as well as other communication, via e-mail and the WhatsApp FIREX group. The WhatsApp FIREX group is being compiled through self-subscription by those that need/want to be in the group. You can self-subscribe using: https://chat.whatsapp.com/FIREX

AIRCRAFT ACCESS
The aircraft will be parked on the ramp directly behind hangar 1530. Aircraft access will be through the hangar.

SHIPPING
There are a couple of shipping options. You can have items shipped directly to your hotel or have them shipped to the Air National Guard base. For small items it might be best to have them shipped to your hotel. As far as shipping directly to the base the details have yet to be worked out regarding whether we can have things shipped directly to the hangar or whether they will have to go to the base shipping and receiving building. We will push to be able to have things shipped directly to the hangar. If they go to the shipping and receiving building we will have to go pick them up. The shipping address for the base is: 4460 S. Byrd St, BLDG 503, Gowen Field, Boise, ID 83705.

MEDICAL CARE
There is an extremely large St. Luke’s Hospital in Boise that spans 200-298 East Idaho Street. Included in the hospital is a Medical Center (190 East Bannock Street) that has a 24 hour emergency facility. Each traveler should consult with their medical insurer regarding how to handle out-of-home area treatments and claims.
Heading south on West Gowen Road turn left onto General Manning Avenue and proceed to the Guard Gate. Once past the gate proceed on General Manning Avenue, turn right on Ellsworth Street which will turn into Aeronca Street. Be careful as Aeronca Street Crosses an active taxiway just before hangar 1530. After crossing the taxiway turn left into the hangar 1530 Parking lot.