

# Tactical Aviation - dispatching tactical aircraft

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This User Guide explains how to dispatch tactical aviation resources, including how to:

- filter for a specific tactical aircraft
- filter for a specific incident
- view a tactical aviation resource
- change the availability status for a tactical aviation resource
- set an unavailability period for a tactical aviation resource
- fill pending requests for tactical aviation resources
- set ATD/ETE for tactical aviation resources
- assign tactical aircraft to an incident
- divert a tactical aviation resource
- reassign a tactical aviation resource
- release tactical aircraft
- place up a request for tactical aircraft.

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*For more information about assigning and/or diverting tactical aircraft using Quick fill see, "Quick Fill - expediting resources and requests."*

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## To access the Tactical Aviation screen

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*You must have the Aircraft Dispatcher role to access and use the Tactical Aviation screen.*

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-  On the **Resource** menu, click **Tactical Aviation**, or click the **Go to Tactical Aviation Screen** button.

### Tactical Aviation screen - Resources tab

The screenshot displays the 'Resources' tab in the Tactical Aviation section of the ROSS application. The interface includes several filter sections and two data tables.

**Set Filter for Tactical Aviation Resources:**

- Call Sign: [ ]
- Category: \*\*ALL\*\*
- Registration #: [ ]
- Catalog Item: \*\*ALL\*\*

**Set Filter for Incidents:**

- Name: [ ]
- Incident #: [ ] - [ ] - [ ]

**Tactical Aviation Resources Table:**

| Resource Name                    | Status      | Current Incident | Current Base | # Pending |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|-----------|
| FIXED WING - AIR TACTICAL - B... | At Incident | Gopher Gulch     |              | 0         |
| FIXED WING - RECON - N1812...    | Available   |                  | CRAIG-MOF... | 1         |
| FIXED WING - RECON - N3066...    | Available   |                  | MEEKER CO... | 1         |

**Incidents Table:**

| Incident Name                 |
|-------------------------------|
| 2014 DFPC HELI SUPPORT - C... |
| ALKALI                        |
| ELK SPRINGS                   |
| Gopher Gulch                  |
| LODORE                        |
| MULE CREEK CUTTING PROJ...    |
| REFUGE-WIDE BROADCAST B...    |
| SOUTH FORK                    |

**Release Tactical Aviation Resource Form:**

- Release Date: [ ] [ ] [ ]
- Enter Documentation: [ ]
- Travel\* options:
  - Set Travel to be Arranged
  - Set Travel ATD [ ] [ ] ETE [ ] + [ ] MST
  - Set Travel (will have Itinerary)
  - Resource Needs Transportation
- Buttons: Release+, Cancel+

## Tactical Aviation screen - Requests tab

Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS) - \*\*\* PRACTICE \*\*\*

File Administration Resource Incident Request Travel Status Window Help

[M] [IL] [IN] [>] [CO-CRC-000001] Gopher Gulch [OF] [REQ] [IR] [PR] [MP] [RS] [TL] [RE] [!] [Ø]

Tactical Aviation [R] [?] [X]

Resources Requests

Select Incident: \*\*ALL\*\*

Set Filter for Pending Tactical Aircraft Requests

Request # A - Category \*\*ALL\*\* Catalog Item \*\*ALL\*\*

Pending Tactical Aircraft Requests

| S | G  | Req #    | Requested Item        | Requesting Unit | Need Date/Time       | Last Action | Incident Name |
|---|----|----------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|
|   | WC | A-100... | Fixed Wing, Leadplane | CO-CRC          | 01/15/2015 09:07 MST | New         | Gopher Gulch  |
|   | WC | A-100... | Fixed Wing, Leadplane | CO-CRC          | 01/15/2015 09:07 MST | New         | Gopher Gulch  |

Tactical Aviation Resources

Action Go To View Print Incident Name Incident #

| Resource Name | Status | Current Incident | Req # | Current Disp | Current Base | Distance |
|---------------|--------|------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|----------|
|               |        |                  |       |              |              |          |

All Government Controlled CWN / Agreement Query View Print Incident Name Incident #

Assign Tactical Aviation Resource

Reload Base Assigning Contact \* Financial Code Enter Documentation

Travel\*

Set Travel to be Arranged Set Travel ATD Set Travel (will have Itinerary) Resource Needs Transportation

hrs min Dest TZ ETE + MST

Travel Remarks

Fill Reassign Divert

## To filter for a specific tactical aircraft

- On the **Tactical Aviation** screen under **Set Filter for Tactical Aviation Resources**, complete one or more of the following text boxes
  - Request #
  - Catalog
  - Catalog Item.

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*Perform a wildcard search by using the asterisk (\*).*

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- Click the **Filter Resources** button.

### To filter for a specific incident

- 1 On the **Tactical Aviation** screen under **Set Filter for Incidents**, complete one or more of the following text boxes
  - Name
  - Incident #.
- 2 Click the **Filter Incidents** button.

### To view a tactical aviation resource

- 1 On the **Resources** tab, search for and then click the **Resource Name** of your choice.
- 2 Click the **View** button, and then click **View Resource**.
- 3 When finished reviewing the resource, click **Close**.

The following graphic shows the View Resource dialog box.

The screenshot shows a 'View Resource' dialog box with the following fields and data:

**Aircraft**

- Call Sign: FIXED WING - AIR TACTICAL - AC 500B - N500FT
- Registration #: N500FT
- Make and Model: ROCKWELL AERO COMMANDER 500B
- Resource Status: At Incident
- Home Location: FRONT RANGE (FTG)
- Current Location: LODORE
- Current Operating Base:

**Organizations**

| Role                  | Organization Name                                   | Unit ID | Phone Number |
|-----------------------|---|---------|--------------|
| Current Dispatch Unit | Craig Interagency Dispatch Center                   | CO-CRC  | 970-826-5037 |
| Home Dispatch         | Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center             | CO-RMC  | 303-445-4300 |
| Home Unit             | Houston Air   |         | 719-237-8527 |
| Owner                 | Houston Air   |         | 719-237-8527 |
| Provider              | Aviation Management - Western Regional Office - ... | ID-AMRO | 208-334-9310 |

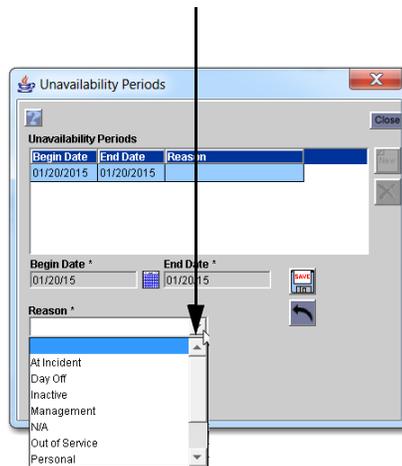
### To change the availability status for a tactical aviation resource

- 1 On the **Resources** tab, search for and then click the **Resource Name** of your choice.
- 2 Click the **Select Status** drop-down arrow, click the **Availability Status** of your choice, and then click the **Set Availability** button.

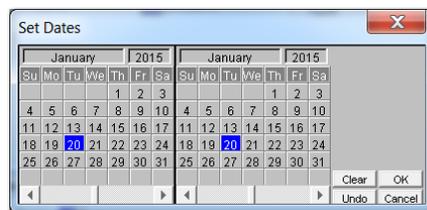
### To set an unavailability period for a tactical aviation resource

- 1 On the **Resources** tab, search for and then click the **Resource Name** of your choice, and then click the **Set Unavailability Periods** button.
- 2 On the **Unavailability Periods** dialog box, click the **New** button.
- 3 Click the **Select Dates** button, complete the **Begin Date** and **End Date** on the **Set Dates** dialog box, and then click **OK**.
- 4 Click the **Reason** drop-down arrow, click the **Unavailability Reason** of your choice, and then click the **Save** button.
- 5 When finished setting all unavailability periods, click **Close**.

The following graphic shows the Unavailability Periods dialog box. The arrow points to the Reason drop-down arrow.



The following graphic shows the Set Dates dialog box.



### To fill a pending request for tactical aviation resources

*You can fill a request with an assignment roster using the master roster, from configuration, build from scratch, or with selected items. You can also fill with a prepositioned roster when assigning the parent of a prepositioned aircraft group.*

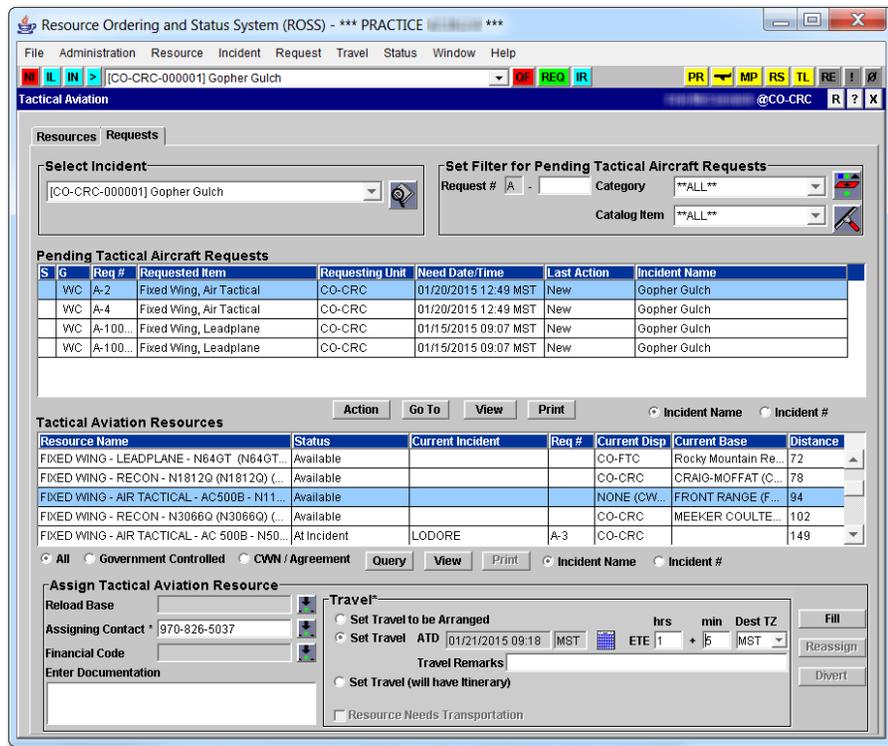
- 1 On the **Tactical Aviation** screen, click the **Requests** tab, and then click the **Filter Resources** button.
- 2 Under **Pending Tactical Aircraft Requests**, click the **Tactical Aircraft Request** you want to fill, and then click the **Query** button.

- 3 Under **Tactical Aviation Resources**, click the **Tactical Aircraft** of your choice.
- 4 Under **Assign Tactical Aviation Resource**, complete the **Reload Base** and **Assigning Contact** text boxes.
- 5 Under **Travel**, set the **Travel to the Incident** as appropriate, click the **Fill** button, and then click **Fill**.

*For more information about setting ATD/ETE travel see the next task, "To set ATD/ETE for tactical aviation resources."*

- 6 On the **Request Action Message** dialog box, click **OK**.

The following graphic shows a fill request for a FIXED WING - AIR TACTICAL aircraft.



**To set ATD/ETE for tactical aviation resources**

- 1 Under **Travel**, click **Set Travel ATD/ETE**, and then click the **Select Date/Time** button.
- 2 On the **Set Dates** dialog box, click the **Actual Time of Departure Date and Time**, and then click **OK**.
- 3 In the **ETE** text boxes, type the **Estimated Hours and Minutes Enroute**.

- Click the **Dest TZ** drop-down arrow, and then click the **Time Zone** of your choice, if appropriate.

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*The destination time zone defaults to the time zone of the dispatching unit filling, diverting, reassigning, or releasing the tactical aircraft.*

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### To assign tactical aircraft to an incident

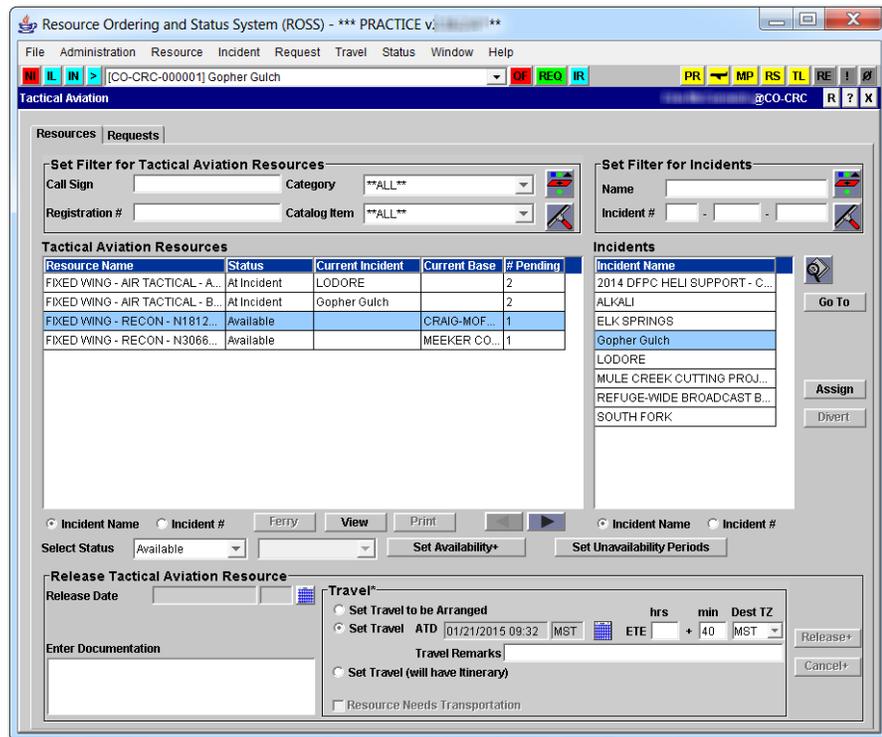
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*You can assign tactical aircraft and its master roster if all resources are available and you do not need to view or edit the assignment roster!*

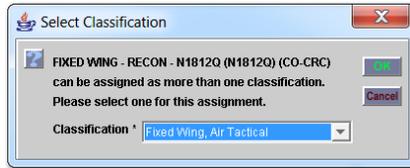
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- On the **Tactical Aviation** screen on the **Resources** tab, click the **Filter Incidents** button.
- Under **Tactical Aviation Resources**, click the **Tactical Aircraft** you want to assign.
- Under **Incidents**, click the **Incident Name** where you want to assign the **Tactical Aircraft**, click the **Assign** button, and then click the **Assignment Option** of your choice.
- On the **Select Classification** dialog box, click the **Classification** drop-down arrow, click the **Classification** of your choice, and then click **OK**.
- On the **Request Action Message** dialog box, click **OK**.

The following graphic shows a FIXED WING - RECON aircraft being assigned to the Gopher Gulch incident.



The following graphic shows the Select Classification dialog box.



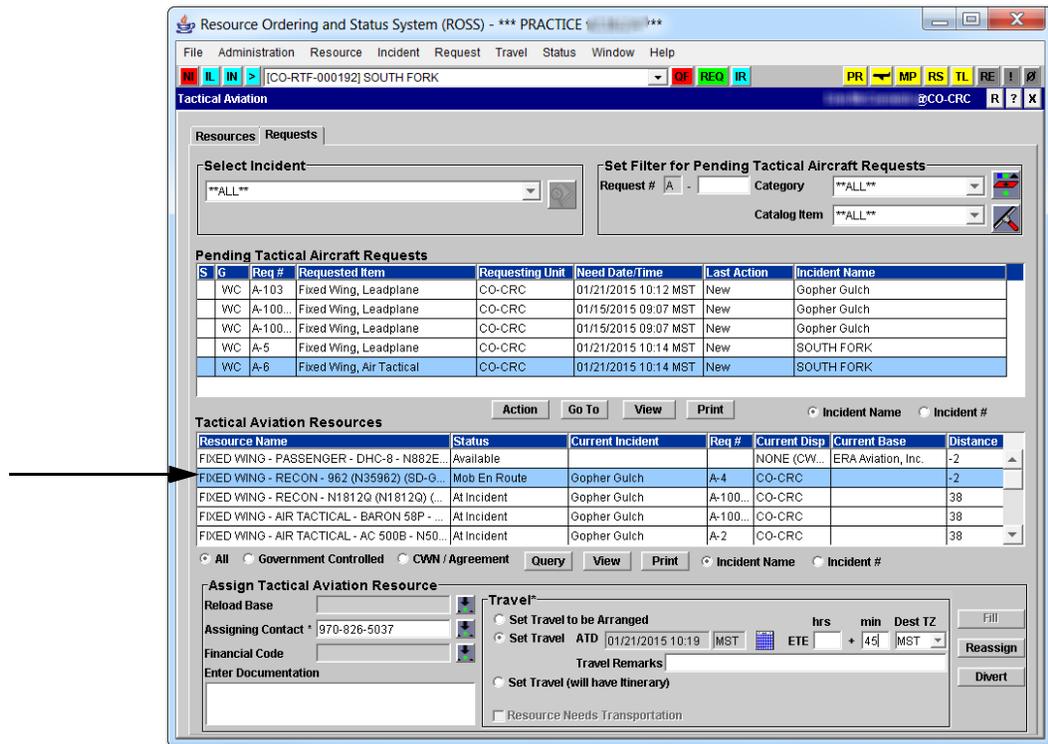
### To divert a tactical aviation resource using the Resources tab on the Tactical Aviation screen

- 1 On the **Tactical Aviation** screen on the **Resources** tab, click the **Filter Incidents** button.
- 2 Under **Tactical Aviation Resources**, click the **Resource Name(s)** you want to divert.
- 3 Under **Incidents** click the **Incident Name** where you want to divert those **Resource Name(s)**, click the **Divert** button, and then click **Divert**.

### To divert a tactical aviation resource using the Requests tab on the Tactical Aviation screen

- 1 On the **Tactical Aviation** screen, click the **Requests** tab, and then click the **Filter** button.
- 2 Under **Pending Tactical Aircraft Requests**, click the **Pending Request(s)** you want to divert.
- 3 Under **Tactical Aviation Resources**, click the **Query** button, and then click the **Resource Name(s)** of your choice.
- 4 Under **Assign Tactical Aviation Resource**, complete the **Assigning Contact** text box.
- 5 Under **Travel**, set the travel as appropriate, and then click the **Divert** button.

The following graphic shows the Tactical Aviation screen. The arrow points to the Mob-En-Route aircraft being diverted to another incident.



The following graphic shows the resulting Request Action Message dialog box.



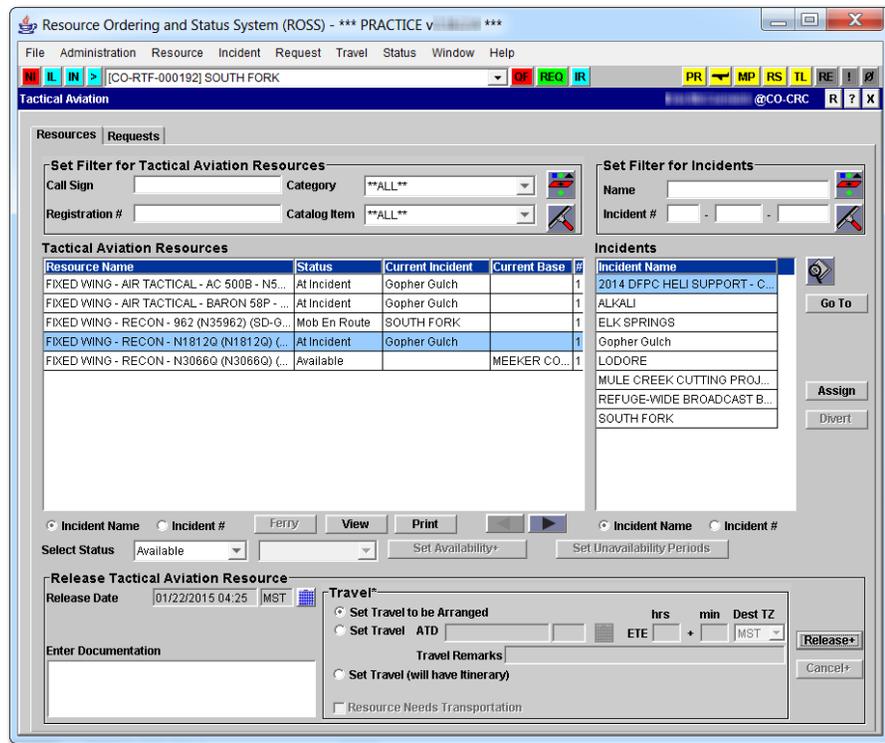
### To reassign a tactical aviation resource

- 1 On the **Tactical Aviation** screen, click the **Requests** tab, and then click the **Filter** button.
- 2 Under **Pending Tactical Aircraft Requests**, click the **Pending Request(s)** you want to divert.
- 3 Under **Tactical Aviation Resources**, click the **Query** button, and then click the **Resource Name(s)** of your choice.
- 4 Under **Travel**, set the travel as appropriate, and then click the **Reassign** button.
- 5 On the **Request Action Message** dialog box, click **OK**.

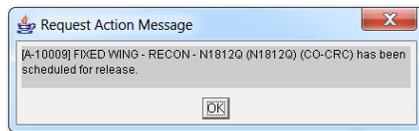
**To release tactical aircraft**

- 1 On the **Tactical Aviation** screen, click the **Resources** tab.
- 2 Under **Tactical Aviation Resources**, click the **Tactical Aircraft** you want to release.
- 3 Under **Release Aviation Resource**, click the **Set Dates** button, and then click the **Release Date** of your choice.
- 4 Under **Travel**, complete the **Travel Information** as appropriate, and then click the **Release** button.
- 5 On the **Request Action Message** dialog box, click **OK**.

The following graphic shows a sample Tactical Aviation screen for releasing an aircraft.



The following graphic shows a sample Request Action Message dialog box for releasing an airtanker.



**To place up a request for tactical aircraft**

- 1 On the **Tactical Aviation** screen, click the **Requests** tab, and then click the **Filter** button.

- 2 Under **Pending Tactical Aircraft Requests**, perform the following
  - click the **Tactical Aircraft Request** you want to place up
  - click the **Action** button
  - click **Place Request Up**.
- 3 On the **Ross Confirmation Message** dialog box, click **Yes**.
- 4 On the **Request Action Message** dialog box, click **OK**.

The following graphic shows the Tactical Aviation screen. The arrow points to the Place Request Up option from the Action button menu.

