APPENDIX A

Standard ICS Search Mission Symbols and Colors

Suggested for placement on base maps.

Color	Symbol	Description	Notes
Black		Sector/planning boundaries	
Black	_/_/_/_	Travel barriers	Cliffs, etc.
Black	====== • , etc.	Modifications/updates to map	
Black	[I] [II] (A) (B)	Branches Divisions	Consider naming divisions North, South, East, etc
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Red	PLS 9 Jan 1820 !	Point Last Seen or Last known position	Consider adding direction of travel
Red	9 Jan		
	9 Jan 1820 !	known position	direction of travel
Red	9 Jan 1820 ! X	known position Hazard	direction of travel
Red Blue	9 Jan 1820 ! X	Hazard Incident Command Post	direction of travel Write description

Blue	Н	Helibase	
Blue	R	Repeater/mobile relay	Add task number if staffed
Blue	Т	Telephone	
Blue	[First-Aid Station	
Blue		Theoretical Search Area	Planning Map
Blue	90% _	Statistical Search Area	Planning Map

Green: Field teams
Brown: Air-scent dog team
Yellow: Tracking/trailing dog
Purple: Horses/helicopters

Orange: Special resources (containment, trackers, 4WD,

surveillance, etc)

Blue: Water teams (SCUBA, air-scent water dog, etc.)
*Since markers get lost, run out, or may not be available, the most important factor is to place a color key at the bottom of all maps.

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Suggested for placement on overlays

Color	Symbol	Description	Notes
Black	! W/5 1800 9 Jan	Wind speed and direction	
Black	[I] [II] (A) (B)	Branches Divisions	Consider naming divisions North, South, East, etc
Red	#1 C	Clue with clue tracking #	may add time, date
Red	#2 A!	Air-scent dog alert (arrow points into local wind per standard wx standard)	may add time date
Resource specific	///////////////////////////////////////	First coverage of sector	density of lines reflects POD
Resource specific	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	Second coverage of sector	density of lines reflects POD
Resource specific	=======================================	Third coverage of sector	density of lines reflects POD
Resource specific		Fourth coverage of sector	density of lines reflects POD
Resource specific	مريدندو وري	Hasty Task (Task # links to task log and TAF	hash mark indicates current position with time reported.