

Radio Protocol for Monarch & Junco Cabin
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Tips to Remember:

- Be calm and speak clearly.
- Keep messages brief and to the point.
- Be patient: wait at least 30-60 full seconds before trying to call again.
- Do not walk on other radio traffic.

When Calling Fort Collins Dispatch:

- Go to the South Cottonwood repeater first. If you can't get through, try Blue Ridge or Mines Peak repeaters.
- Listen for about 20 seconds to make sure the air is clear
- Press the transmit button, wait a second before speaking
- "Fort Collins Dispatch, this is Monarch/Junco cabin volunteer on _____ Repeater"
- WAIT AT LEAST 30 SECONDS before attempting to call again if you do not get a response.
- A typical response would be: **"Go ahead for Fort Collins" or "Junco/Monarch cabin volunteer, Fort Collins"**
- Say in plain English what happened. For example, "I have a report of a fire up in the Columbine Lake area. The reporting visitor is with me."
- Fort Collins will ask questions regarding the information they need.
 - Be prepared with coordinates if available
 - If fire, color and quantity of smoke
 - If injury, nature of injury and status of patient.
 - Keep reporting visitors with you.
- When Fort Collins has what they need, they'll give instructions if they need anything else from you. Otherwise, they'll end with "Thank you for the report. Fort Collins clear". RESPOND "Monarch/Junco clear."

Radio Lingo:

- COPY = I understand
- CLEAR = you have just signed off, the air is clear for others
- AFFIRMATIVE = yes
- NEGATIVE = no