

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, September 9, 2015 - 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 4**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (95 new fires)
New large incidents:	3
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires: **	41
Area Command Teams committed:	1
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	7
Type 2 IMTs committed:	14

** Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

Two hundred soldiers from the 17th Field Artillery Brigade based out of Fort Lewis, Washington are deployed in Washington state.

Two MAFFS C-130 Airtankers are assigned to Channel Islands, California in support of wildland fire operations.

Fifty-eight fireline management personnel from Alberta and Ontario, Canada are assigned to support large fires in the Northern Rockies Area.

Sixty-eight fireline management personnel from Australia and New Zealand are assigned to support large fires in the Northwest Area.

Northwest Area (PL 4)

New fires:	6
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	19
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7

North Star, Colville Agency, BIA. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Lewis) to IMT 1 (Minton) will occur today. IMT is also managing the Tunk Block fire. Twenty-four miles east of Omak, WA. Timber and closed timber litter. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Tunk Block, Northeast Region, DNR. Ten miles northeast of Omak, WA. Timber and hardwood litter. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Canyon Creek Complex, Malheur NF. IMT 2 (Goff). Two miles south of John Day, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with single tree torching and creeping. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Carpenter Rd, Spokane Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Johnson). Five miles south of Fruitland, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

Okanogan Complex (4 fires), Northeast Region, DNR. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Minton) to IMT 2 (Allbee) and NIMO (Hahnenburg) will occur today. IMT is also managing the Chelan Complex. Eleven miles northwest of Omak, WA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to the realignment of fires within the complex.

Chelan Complex (3 fires), Southeast Region, DNR. Started on BLM land one mile south of Chelan, WA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Road and trail closures in effect.

Kettle Complex (3 fires), Colville NF. IMT 2 (Ciraulo). Fifteen miles northeast of Republic, WA. Timber and light logging slash. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Kaniksu Complex (2 fires), Colville NF. IMT 2 (Tom Kurth). Ten miles northeast of Usk, WA. Timber and medium logging slash. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Wolverine, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Rabe). IMT is also managing the First Creek fire. Three miles northwest of Lucerne, WA. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

First Creek, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Eight miles northwest of Chelan, WA. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Cougar Creek, Yakama Agency, BIA. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Wakoski) back to the local unit will occur today. Six miles northwest of Glenwood, WA. Timber and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

County Line 2, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. Six miles northwest of Warm Springs, OR. Timber. No new information.

National Creek Complex, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. Eleven miles southwest of Diamond Lake, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with group torching. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Alder Lake, Gifford Pinchot NF. Seven miles south of Eatonville, WA. Closed timber litter. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
North Star	WA-COA	210,027	490	40	Ctn	10/15	1,391	188	33	75	13	1	21M	BIA
Tunk Block	WA-NES	162,564	141	70	Ctn	9/30	479	-83	12	41	5	0	3.8M	ST
Canyon Creek Complex	OR-MAF	110,410	0	85	Ctn	9/30	562	-5	14	18	4	53	27.7M	FS
Carpenter Rd.	WA-SPA	65,068	0	90	Ctn	9/12	855	-47	27	38	4	42	18.8M	BIA
Okanogan Complex	WA-NES	132,634	-15,942	85	Ctn	9/15	982	-250	19	41	5	195	33.3M	ST
Chelan Complex	WA-SES	88,684	0	75	Ctn	10/01	515	-114	8	30	0	47	18.9M	BLM

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Kettle Complex	WA-COF	76,509	-160	58	Ctn	10/15	892	10	22	34	4	2	22M	FS
Kaniksu Complex	WA-COF	26,165	3	43	Comp	10/01	803	46	17	14	7	0	18.6M	FS
Wolverine	WA-OWF	65,355	80	32	Comp	10/15	394	-23	4	15	3	4	22.9M	FS
First Creek	WA-OWF	7,490	-212	90	Ctn	9/15	43	0	1	5	0	19	4.6M	FS
Cougar Creek	WA-YAA	53,523	0	97	Ctn	9/15	449	9	11	17	2	0	18.6M	BIA
County Line 2	OR-WSA	67,207	---	97	Ctn	9/10	383	---	12	12	2	7	1K	BIA
National Creek Complex	OR-RSF	16,443	985	70	Ctn	10/01	116	4	3	1	4	0	15.5M	FS
Alder Lake	WA-GPF	280	0	17	Ctn	10/01	111	-7	4	3	1	0	2.5M	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires:	0
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	14
Area Command Teams committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

Area Command Team (Hughes) is assigned to the Grangeville, ID area for large fire support.

Motorway Complex (9 fires), Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. IMT 1 (Ruggiero). IMT is also managing the Jay Pt/Boulder fire. Ten miles east of Kooskia, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Increase in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Jay Pt/Boulder (2 fires), Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. Five miles south of Powell Junction, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

Selway/Elk City/Red River Complex (6 fires), Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. IMT 1 (Dueitt). Forty-one miles west of Darby, MT. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Family Peak Complex, Lewis & Clark NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Turman) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. IMT is also managing the Moose Ridge and Sheep Mountain fires. Twenty-five miles east of Essex, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area and trail closures in effect.

Moose Ridge, Lewis & Clark NF. Thirty-five miles west of Choteau, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Area and trail closures in effect.

Sheep Mountain, Lewis & Clark NF. Thirty-four miles southwest of Choteau, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Trail closures in effect.

West Fork Fish Creek, Lolo NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Thompson) back to the local unit occurred yesterday. Forty miles west of Missoula, MT. Timber. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Avery Complex (3 fires), Idaho Panhandle NF. IMT 2 (Rosenthal). Timber, medium logging slash and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Goat Rock Complex (4 fires), Kootenai NF. IMT 2 (Russell). Eight miles southwest of Libby, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Last Inch, Clearwater Potlatch Timber Protective Association. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Schenk) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Twelve miles east of Clarkia, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Clark Fork Complex (5 fires), Idaho Panhandle NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Hutton) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Six miles north of Clark Fork, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area and trail closures in effect.

Clearwater/Municipal Complex, Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. IMT 1 (Ruggiero). Five miles west of Kamiah, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Numerous structures threatened.

Tepee Mountain, Kootenai NF. Thirteen miles north of Troy, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Motorway Complex	ID-NCF	23,409	6,555	30	Ctn	NR	644	-82	13	28	3	0	10.3M	FS
Jay Pt/ Boulder	ID-NCF	9,744	0	35	Comp	NR	14	-89	0	0	0	1	1.9M	FS
Selway/Elk City/Red River Complex	ID-NCF	94,384	510	2	Comp	NR	441	-12	10	15	4	6	9.3M	FS
Family Peak Complex	MT-LCF	53,889	0	30	Comp	NR	239	-11	5	10	1	0	3.2M	FS
Moose Ridge	MT-LCF	9,598	56	0	Comp	NR	11	0	0	0	0	0	230K	FS
Sheep Mountain	MT-LCF	1,150	0	0	Comp	NR	10	0	0	0	0	0	1K	FS
West Fork Fish Creek	MT-LNF	11,695	0	30	Comp	11/30	258	-12	6	7	4	3	4M	FS
Avery Complex	ID-IPF	5,062	0	27	Ctn	NR	448	7	8	21	1	0	5.7M	FS
Goat Rock Complex	MT-KNF	10,150	0	0	Comp	NR	167	5	1	9	0	0	3.1M	FS
Last Inch	ID-CTS	460	-229	95	Ctn	9/11	51	0	2	0	1	0	2.1M	ST
Clark Fork Complex	ID-IPF	15,744	0	80	Comp	9/18	91	-73	2	2	0	0	6.2M	FS

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
CM Complex	ID-NCF	68,127	0	95	Comp	NR	226	-21	3	11	0	118	25.2M	ST
Tepee Mountain	MT-KNF	1,018	0	80	Ctn	NR	54	0	1	2	0	0	1M	FS

Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 10
New large incidents: 2
Uncontained large fires: 2
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

* **Wheeler**, Northeast Area, DNR. Ten miles southwest of Heber City, UT. Chaparral, brush and short grass. Extreme fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Tepee Springs, Payette NF. IMT 1 (Ourada). Twenty miles south of Riggins, ID. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

Elevenmile, Salmon-Challis NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Martin) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Fifteen miles west of Challis, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

* **Oak Grove**, Dixie NF. Fifteen miles northeast St. George, UT. Timber, chaparral and brush. Extreme fire behavior with uphill runs, crowning and group torching.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
* Wheeler	UT-NES	750	---	0	Ctn	9/13	232	---	8	2	4	0	175K	ST
Tepee Springs	ID-PAF	94,703	48	70	Comp	10/15	790	-131	20	26	7	4	20.2M	FS
Elevenmile	ID-SCF	10,387	0	50	Comp	10/15	341	-214	5	5	4	0	7.8M	FS
* Oak Grove	UT-DIF	300	---	0	Ctn	NR	32	---	0	5	0	0	50K	FS

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 21
New large incidents: 1
Uncontained large fires: 2
NIMOs committed: 1
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

Rough, Sierra NF. IMT 1 (Pechota) and NIMO (Reinarz). Five miles north of Hume, CA. Timber and chaparral. Active fire behavior with short crown runs and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

* **Tenaya**, Yosemite NP. Two miles north of Yosemite Valley, CA. Timber and brush. Extreme fire behavior with group torching and long-range spotting. Area and trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Rough	CA-SNF	97,884	2,700	31	Ctn	NR	1,900	-60	41	143	12	4	72.8M	FS
* Tenaya	CA-YNP	300	---	0	Ctn	NR	132	---	5	1	3	0	250K	NPS

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 24
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Gasquet Complex (2 fires), Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Garwood). Thirteen miles northeast of Crescent City, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, backing and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

South Complex, Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 2 (Jay Kurth). Five miles north of Hyampom, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

River Complex, Shasta-Trinity NF. Three miles southwest of Denny, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching, flanking and backing. Area and trail closures in effect.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Gasquet Complex	CA-SRF	28,828	214	46	Ctn	10/15	741	-31	16	33	5	0	32M	FS
South Complex	CA-SHF	29,405	0	89	Ctn	10/01	292	-48	2	17	2	3	31M	FS
River Complex	CA-SHF	71,826	294	58	Ctn	10/01	156	20	3	7	3	0	29.4M	FS
Elk	CA-LNU	673	0	100	Ctn	---	223	-78	4	10	0	0	3.1M	ST

LNU – Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AKCC	3	4,916	1	0	1	24
NWCC	24	1,320,881	197	384	63	8,754
ONCC	6	175,075	27	81	11	1,567
OSCC	5	105,291	55	169	18	2,376
NRCC	37	554,504	68	152	25	3,551
GBCC	16	124,342	38	58	19	1,669
SWCC	1	450	2	1	0	53
RMCC	3	752	1	5	1	33
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	9	2,531	1	4	0	38
Total	104	2,288,743	390	854	138	18,065

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	12	0	12
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	24	0	24
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	15	294	309
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	3	0	1	13	4	21
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	21	8,020	8,041
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	601	601
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	5	3	10
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	667	12,255	12,922
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	1	1	3
	ACRES	100	2	0	0	0	0	102
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	1	2	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	25	0	25
Southern Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	22	1	24
	ACRES	10	0	0	0	228	15	253
TOTAL FIRES:		1	7	0	1	75	11	95
TOTAL ACRES:		110	2	0	0	970	21,186	22,268

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	263	0	0	474	23	760
	ACRES	0	4,090,965	0	0	1,082,287	769	5,174,021
Northwest Area	FIRES	264	289	39	70	1,417	1,356	3,435
	ACRES	234,893	234,310	14,656	3,334	39,194	402,886	929,273
Northern California Area	FIRES	130	30	5	28	2,659	928	3,780
	ACRES	242	10,786	354	2	139,292	234,623	385,299
Southern California Area	FIRES	23	54	12	90	2,693	468	3,340
	ACRES	107	1,985	12	2,595	24,128	171,868	200,695
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	926	89	5	21	1,218	1,102	3,361
	ACRES	14,770	13,758	685	23,517	196,285	432,872	681,887
Great Basin Area	FIRES	38	705	5	36	573	465	1,822
	ACRES	695	337,687	3	81	12,094	128,579	479,139
Southwest Area	FIRES	426	179	6	27	495	791	1,924
	ACRES	54,189	4,107	62	3,799	17,132	117,801	197,090
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	499	293	16	24	921	187	1,940
	ACRES	15,518	6,347	189	7,409	81,988	1,274	112,725
Eastern Area	FIRES	540	0	30	16	5,732	364	6,682
	ACRES	2,185	0	2,102	549	44,427	5,530	54,793
Southern Area	FIRES	315	0	37	14	17,297	302	17,965
	ACRES	37,321	0	3,074	248	247,061	15,406	303,110
TOTAL FIRES:		3,161	1,902	155	326	33,479	5,986	45,009
TOTAL ACRES:		359,920	4,699,945	21,137	41,534	1,883,888	1,511,608	8,518,032

Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today)	55,322
Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today)	5,861,496

Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	13	0	13
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	89	0	89
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	13	0	13
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	89	0	89

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Ownership):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	5	0	0	2	0	7
	ACRES	0	3,965	0	0	988	0	4,953
Northwest Area	FIRES	7	28	3	2	0	147	187
	ACRES	2,457	17,778	51	49	0	23,534	43,869
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	12	11	0	113	136
	ACRES	0	143	5,173	190	0	7,734	13,240
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	3	4	4	0	100	111
	ACRES	0	78	495	268	0	1,860	2,701
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	10	31	28	4	5	139	217
	ACRES	3,651	10,580	12,835	1,590	695	17,735	47,086
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	24	1	6	31	50	113
	ACRES	24	1,447	1,060	85	1,713	17,361	21,690
Southwest Area	FIRES	32	29	8	7	0	146	222
	ACRES	606	18,888	2,436	4,606	0	73,656	100,192
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	20	36	61	11	61	81	270
	ACRES	2,090	6,435	16,521	1,153	3,287	22,361	51,847
Eastern Area	FIRES	30	0	264	22	1,401	158	1,875
	ACRES	39,398	0	33,267	6,637	66,052	49,780	195,134
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	154	11	8,724	707	9,684
	ACRES	16,583	0	116,723	14,261	530,247	621,899	1,299,713
TOTAL FIRES:		188	156	535	78	10,224	1,641	12,822
TOTAL ACRES:		64,809	59,314	188,561	28,839	602,982	835,920	1,780,425

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>

Predictive Services Discussion: High pressure will build across the western U.S. bringing warming and drying to the region. Moisture associated with Tropical Storm Linda will move into the Southwest and produce widely scattered thunderstorms over southern California and Arizona. Breezy conditions will continue over the northern Rockies. A cold front dropping into the central Plains and the Midwest will produce thunderstorms from Texas to the Great Lakes region and spread into the Appalachians.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>

This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to change, and therefore may not match official year-to-date agency records.

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BUILDING FIRELINE DOWNHILL WITH FIRE BELOW

Operational Engagement

As a general rule, construct line moving uphill. Many firefighters have lost their lives attacking wildland fires from above. If there is no practical alternative to constructing line downhill, proceed only after weighing the following considerations:

- Has the area been scouted for fire perimeter and behavior? Discuss what you need to know about the fire perimeter and fire behavior before building fireline downhill with fire below.
- Will wind direction be at your back? Will it stay at your back? Talk about how winds can change when you are on a slope (e.g., time of day, upslope and down slope breezes, etc.).
- Is the area free of chimneys and gullies? How would you negotiate your line location if there were chimneys and gullies below where you needed to be working?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?
- Can you carry your burnout downhill as you go to provide an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide when to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied in down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What do the lookouts need to be on the watch for?
- Do you have good communications, especially with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are some of the dangers of not communicating with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are the benefits of maintaining good communications?
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches the line? Discuss how this would affect where you locate the line.
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assignment? What additional resources might you need to safely take on an assignment that includes building fireline downhill with fire below?
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation? (Common Denominators)
- Has everyone been briefed on the assignment, fire behavior, weather, communications, escape routes and safety zones, hazards and tactics? Discuss who might provide this briefing and where and when it might occur.

Have an idea? Have feedback? Share it.

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