

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, November 09, 2016 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity (Nov. 4 – Nov. 8)**

Initial attack activity:	Light (814 new fires)
New large incidents:	51
Large fires contained:	28
Uncontained large fires:**	28
Area Command Teams Committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

\*\*Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.  
[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

**Southern Area (PL 5)**

New fires:	757
New large incidents:	50
Uncontained large fires:	28
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

\* **Party Rock**, North Carolina Forest Service. One mile north of Lake Lure, NC. Hardwood litter. Active fire behavior with uphill runs. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

\* **Ferebee Memorial**, National Forests in North Carolina. IMT 1 (Dueitt). IMT is also managing the Tellico, Boteler, Dick's Creek, Knob, and Cliffside fires. One mile north of Nantahala, NC. Hardwood litter, timber and short grass. Active fire behavior with flanking and backing. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

\* **Tellico**, National Forests in North Carolina. Three miles south of Almond, NC. Hardwood litter, timber and short grass. Active fire behavior with backing and flanking. Structures threatened. Trail closures in effect.

**Boteler**, National Forests in North Carolina. Nine miles east of Hayesville, NC. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, backing and flanking. Structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

**Dick's Creek**, National Forests in North Carolina. Two miles northwest of Sylva, NC. Hardwood litter, short grass and timber. Active fire behavior with backing and flanking. Structures threatened.

**Knob**, National Forests in North Carolina. Ten miles southwest of Franklin, NC. Closed timber litter and hardwood litter. Moderate fire behavior with creeping. Area and trail closures in effect.

\* **Cliffside**, National Forests in North Carolina. Three miles northwest of Highlands, NC. Hardwood litter, timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping.

\* **Maple Springs**, National Forests in North Carolina. IMT 2 (Esperance). Three miles northwest of Santeetlah Lake, NC. Hardwood litter, timber and brush. Active fire behavior with crowning, flanking and backing. Structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect.

\* **Flippers Bend**, Tennessee DOF. Three miles southwest of Soddy Daisy, TN. Timber and hardwood litter. Active fire behavior.

\* **Avey Branch**, National Forests in North Carolina. One mile northwest of Santeetlah Lake, NC. Hardwood litter, timber and brush. Active fire behavior with wind driven runs, uphill runs and creeping. Structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect.

\* **Washington's Creek**, Eastern Cherokee Agency. Five miles southeast of Cherokee, NC. Hardwood litter. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, backing and flanking. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

\* **Raven Rock**, George Washington & Jefferson NF. Started on private land one mile east of Jenkins, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping. Numerous structures threatened. Trail closures in effect.

\* **Eagles Nest**, Kentucky DOF. One mile southwest of Jackson KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Rough Ridge**, Chattahoochee-Oconee NF. IMT 2 (Bentley). Thirteen miles northwest of Blue Ridge, GA. Hardwood litter, timber and brush. Active fire behavior with backing, flanking and uphill runs. Structures threatened. Area and trail closures in effect.

\* **Moses Creek**, National Forests in North Carolina. Four miles northeast of Cullowhee, NC. Hardwood litter. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

\* **Jetts Creek**, Kentucky DOF. Three miles northwest of Turkey, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior.

\* **Mountain Creek**, Ozark & St. Francis NF. Seventeen miles north of Ozark, AR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Trail closures in effect.

\* **Jones Gap**, National Forests in North Carolina. Three miles northwest of Highlands, NC. Closed timber litter, hardwood litter and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with running, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

\* **May Branch**, National Forests in North Carolina. Seven miles southeast of Andrews, NC. Hardwood litter. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Area and trail closures in effect.

**Cemetery**, Daniel Boone NF. Two miles northwest of Brightshage, KY. Hardwood litter. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

\* **Cloverlick**, Kentucky DOF. Two miles south of Lynch, KY. Hardwood Litter. Active fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Kentucky Ridge**, Kentucky DOF. One mile northwest of Chenoa, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior.

\* **Houston Broughton Road**, Kentucky DOF. Six miles southeast of Woollum, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Shoulderblade 2**, Kentucky DOF. Two miles southwest of Oakdale, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior.

\* **Wolverine**, National Forests in Mississippi. Three miles southeast of New Augusta, MS. Timber and southern rough. Active fire behavior with running, flanking and backing. Structures threatened. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Wieser Branch**, Kentucky DOF. One mile south of Ajay, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Brimestone Road**, Tennessee DOF. Started on private land seven miles southeast of New River, TN. Timber. Active fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Big Rock #3**, Tennessee DOF. Started on private land nine miles east of Crossville TN. Timber and hardwood litter. Moderate fire behavior.

\* **Little Stinnett**, Kentucky DOF. Two miles northwest of Stinnett, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Extreme fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Big Four Road**, Tennessee DOF. Started on private land three miles southwest of Newcomb, TN. Timber. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Party Rock	NC-NCS	320	---	15	Ctn	11/23	64	---	4	3	1	0	53K	ST
* Ferebee Memorial	NC-NCF	1,132	---	0	Ctn	11/30	32	---	1	3	0	0	56K	FS
* Tellico	NC-NCF	3,417	---	25	Ctn	11/16	33	---	2	2	2	0	335K	FS
Boteler	NC-NCF	1,713	1,094	30	Ctn	11/20	340	191	4	27	8	0	1.7M	FS
Dick's Creek	NC-NCF	726	352	80	Ctn	11/14	61	47	2	4	0	0	540K	FS
Knob	NC-NCF	644	469	28	Ctn	11/10	27	-4	1	2	0	0	37K	FS
* Cliffside	NC-NCF	101	---	95	Ctn	11/10	25	---	1	1	0	0	41K	FS
*Maple Springs	NC-NCF	3,500	---	9	Ctn	12/09	76	---	2	9	1	0	1M	FS
* Flippers Bend	TN-TNS	350	---	50	Ctn	11/15	32	---	0	3	2	0	200K	ST
* Avey Branch	NC-NCF	1,200	---	18	Ctn	11/25	11	---	0	0	0	0	600K	FS
* Washington's Creek	NC-ECA	100	---	50	Ctn	11/11	43	---	3	3	0	0	50K	BIA
* Raven Rock	VA-VAF	2,452	---	25	Ctn	11/18	0	---	0	0	0	2	475K	PRI
* Eagles Nest	KY-KYS	3,100	---	60	Ctn	11/11	46	---	3	0	3	0	10K	ST
Rough Ridge	GA-CHF	6,407	3,307	11	Comp	11/30	267	80	8	7	2	0	2.5M	FS
* Moses Creek	NC-NCF	103	---	80	Ctn	11/10	34	---	1	1	2	0	24K	FS
* Tellico	NC-NCF	3,417	---	25	Ctn	11/16	33	---	2	2	2	0	335K	FS
* Jetts Creek	KY-KYS	2,000	---	60	Ctn	11/11	36	---	3	0	0	0	10K	ST
* Mountain Creek	AR-OZF	441	---	50	Ctn	11/30	5	---	0	1	0	0	40K	FS
* Jones Gap	NC-NCF	115	---	80	Ctn	11/10	12	---	1	0	0	0	55K	FS
* May Branch	NC-NCF	175	---	78	Ctn	11/10	8	---	0	1	0	0	55K	FS
Cemetery	KY-DBF	100	0	75	Ctn	UNK	29	0	1	0	1	0	90K	FS
* Cloverlick	KY-KYS	750	---	75	Ctn	11/10	8	---	1	0	0	0	2K	ST
* Kentucky Ridge	KY-KYS	300	---	60	Ctn	11/10	17	---	2	0	0	0	4K	ST

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Houston Broughton Road	KY-KYS	325	---	99	Ctn	11/10	14	---	1	0	0	0	2K	ST
* Shoulderblade 2	KY-KYS	125	---	80	Ctn	UNK	7	---	1	0	0	0	2K	ST
* Wolverine	MS-MNF	452	---	95	Comp	UNK	13	---	0	4	0	0	15K	FS
* Wieser Branch	KY-KYS	280	---	99	Ctn	11/10	20	---	2	0	0	0	1K	ST
* Brimstone Road	TN-TNS	128	---	99	Ctn	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	PRI
* Big Rock #3	TN-TNS	470	---	96	Ctn	UNK	10	---	0	0	0	0	1K	PRI
* Little Stinnett	KY-KYS	215	---	0	Comp	UNK	8	---	1	0	0	0	1K	ST
* Big Four Road	TN-TNS	115	---	99	Ctn	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	PRI
* Nolensburg	KY-KYS	7,400	---	100	Ctn	---	66	---	6	1	0	0	15K	ST
* SR116	TN-TNS	1,400	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	PRI
* Cyclops	AL-ALS	1,308	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	6K	PRI
* Number One Hill	KY-KYS	1,000	---	100	Ctn	---	11	---	1	0	0	0	3K	ST
* Bridge Creek Road	TN-TNS	950	---	100	Comp	---	12	---	0	0	0	0	1K	PRI
Knox/Bell Line	KY-KYS	794	394	100	Ctn	---	9	0	1	0	0	0	10K	PRI
Caney Hwy 2	KY-KYS	750	0	100	Ctn	---	16	0	2	0	0	0	4K	PRI
* Cam Johnson	KY-KYS	710	---	100	Ctn	---	11	---	1	0	0	0	2K	ST
Wolf Creek	TN-CNF	444	24	100	Ctn	---	25	-34	1	1	0	0	375K	FS
Long Ridge #2	KY-KYS	420	70	100	Ctn	---	26	0	3	0	0	0	8K	PRI
* Lee Cox Road	TN-TNS	400	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	PRI
* Calebs Creek 6	KY-KYS	400	---	100	Ctn	---	11	---	1	0	0	0	2K	ST
* HWY 190	KY-KYS	400	---	100	Ctn	---	12	---	1	0	0	0	4K	ST
* Cumberland Trail 10	TN-TNS	300	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	PRI
* Sand Valley	AL-ALS	300	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	PRI
*Indian Creek II	KY-KYS	260	---	100	Ctn	---	12	---	1	0	0	0	2K	ST
* Levi Branch	KY-KYS	250	---	100	Ctn	---	18	---	2	0	0	0	6K	ST
* Apple Tree Branch Road	KY-KYS	250	---	100	Ctn	---	8	---	1	0	0	0	1K	ST
* Lower Turkey Creek	KY-KYS	230	---	100	Ctn	---	14	---	1	1	0	0	3K	ST
* Keller Hollow	KY-KYS	200	---	100	Ctn	---	14	---	1	0	0	1	3K	ST
* Parker Branch	KY-KYS	200	---	100	Ctn	---	11	---	1	0	0	0	3K	ST
* Harveyton	KY-KYS	185	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
* Brow	GA-GAS	175	---	100	Ctn	---	13	---	0	4	0	0	13K	ST
* Pine Mountain Road	TN-TNS	175	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	PRI

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* Jolly Gap	KY-KYS	150	---	100	Ctn	---	11	---	1	0	0	0	2K	ST
* Town Hill 2	KY-KYS	150	---	100	Ctn	---	10	---	1	0	0	0	1K	ST
* Wildcat Fire	KY-KYS	150	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	ST
* CR4003	MS-MSS	114	---	100	Comp	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	23K	ST
Taylor Ridge	KY-DBF	102	0	100	Ctn	---	32	0	1	2	0	0	90K	FS

CNF – Cherokee NF

ALS – Alabama Forestry Commission

GAS – Georgia Forestry Commission

MSS – Mississippi Forestry Commission

### **Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 15  
New large incidents: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 0

\* **Knolls**, San Juan NF. Twelve miles north of Dolores, CO. Brush and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Knolls	CO-SJF	317	---	0	Comp	11/23	11	---	0	1	0	0	10K	FS
Junkins	CO-CUX	18,423	20	100	Ctn	---	96	-42	2	3	10	26	12.8M	C&L

CUX – Custer County

<b>Active Incident Resource Summary</b>						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRCC	1	699	0	0	0	1
GBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMCC	2	18,740	2	4	1	107
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	51	55,957	103	113	24	2,131
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>75,396</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2,239</b>

**Fires and Acres November 4 - 8 (by Protection):**

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	1	2	<b>4</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	30	<b>30</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	1	0	1	16	4	<b>22</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	4	6	1	<b>11</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	1	0	1	0	0	<b>2</b>
	ACRES	0	3	0	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	3	0	0	0	0	1	<b>4</b>
	ACRES	7	0	0	0	0	596	<b>603</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	5	0	0	0	4	6	<b>15</b>
	ACRES	78	0	0	0	88	13	<b>179</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	3	0	0	0	1	6	<b>10</b>
	ACRES	177	0	0	0	0	28	<b>205</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	1	4	733	19	<b>757</b>
	ACRES	0	0	1	4	8,248	3,155	<b>11,408</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>814</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>262</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8,342</b>	<b>3,823</b>	<b>12,439</b>

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

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	183	0	0	357	19	<b>559</b>
	ACRES	0	390,706	0	0	104,837	3	<b>495,546</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	299	251	30	26	1,266	670	<b>2,542</b>
	ACRES	41,132	324,979	2,778	5,042	61,534	48,381	<b>483,846</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	111	9	1	26	2,745	431	<b>3,323</b>
	ACRES	145	227	1	5	48,989	46,109	<b>95,476</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	13	91	11	54	3,177	568	<b>3,914</b>
	ACRES	5,971	30,037	405	1,131	124,286	309,747	<b>471,577</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	798	99	11	27	1,260	472	<b>2,667</b>
	ACRES	14,721	5,851	2,013	61,914	42,192	61,511	<b>188,202</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	35	746	7	58	653	545	<b>2,044</b>
	ACRES	12,439	303,201	3	24,239	139,275	281,055	<b>760,212</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	870	245	11	65	1,033	1,166	<b>3,390</b>
	ACRES	80,345	66,534	6,976	32,187	132,815	259,001	<b>577,858</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	826	448	14	24	1,314	737	<b>3,363</b>
	ACRES	23,222	35,076	615	2,140	515,870	99,043	<b>675,966</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	504	0	30	51	8,529	400	<b>9,514</b>
	ACRES	2,189	0	1,113	964	57,648	7,223	<b>69,137</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	397	1	59	75	23,835	611	<b>24,978</b>
	ACRES	133,366	1	1,555	28,942	1,036,738	57,064	<b>1,257,666</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3,853</b>	<b>2,073</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>44,169</b>	<b>5,619</b>	<b>56,294</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>313,530</b>	<b>1,156,612</b>	<b>15,459</b>	<b>156,564</b>	<b>2,264,184</b>	<b>1,169,137</b>	<b>5,075,486</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>64,024</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>6,751,962</b>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres November 4 - 8 (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	7	0	1	0	21	29
	ACRES	0	949	0	12	0	1,727	2,688
Northern California Area	FIRES	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	0	171	172
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	8	0	524	532
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	4	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	90	17	107
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	5	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	4,202	4,202
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	75	0	72	147
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	2	0	1	4	7
	ACRES	0	0	245	0	300	516	1,061
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	2	0	98	0	100
	ACRES	0	0	117	0	2,660	0	2,777
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>161</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>3,050</b>	<b>7,229</b>	<b>11,686</b>

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	2	0	2	1	5
	ACRES	0	0	18	0	33,218	38	33,274
Northwest Area	FIRES	14	86	20	2	9	393	524
	ACRES	9,554	6,836	1,159	29	1,128	56,179	74,885
Northern California Area	FIRES	7	2	11	17	0	219	256
	ACRES	102	219	3,796	2,691	0	20,414	27,222
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	5	9	4	0	147	165
	ACRES	0	71	1,075	1,113	0	4,926	7,185
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	14	32	58	13	84	439	640
	ACRES	5,438	6,243	14,247	956	3,514	26,372	56,770
Great Basin Area	FIRES	4	30	9	15	42	105	205
	ACRES	150	8,202	5,422	2,575	1,634	36,681	54,664
Southwest Area	FIRES	14	31	3	9	5	163	225
	ACRES	2,756	26,931	92	2,333	3,365	89,674	125,151
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	37	36	66	34	71	92	336
	ACRES	9,213	5,280	26,869	13,864	4,602	42,686	102,514
Eastern Area	FIRES	87	0	366	34	1,086	252	1,825
	ACRES	45,614	0	52,230	6,346	85,410	58,704	248,304
Southern Area	FIRES	24	0	197	68	12,273	952	13,514
	ACRES	4,767	0	162,624	51,754	716,324	850,078	1,785,547
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>201</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>13,572</b>	<b>2,763</b>	<b>17,695</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>77,594</b>	<b>53,782</b>	<b>267,532</b>	<b>81,661</b>	<b>849,195</b>	<b>1,185,752</b>	<b>2,515,516</b>

\*\*\* 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 dominate most of the interior U.S., keeping dry and unseasonably warm conditions through most of the country. An upper low over northern Mexico will reinforce windy conditions across southern California. A cold front will move through the East bringing scattered rain to the Northeast and parts of the Mid-Atlantic. Showers will also form along the Gulf Coast and across Texas. A front in the Northwest will bring rain to coastal Washington and Oregon. Temperatures will remain mild to warm over most of the country with cooler fall conditions in New England and the Great Lakes regions.

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



## Escape Routes 2 (LCES)

*Operational Engagement Category*

Escape Routes are the path the firefighter takes from their current locations, exposed to the danger, to an area free from danger. Notice that escape routes is used instead of escape route(s). Unlike the other components, there always must be more than one escape route available to the firefighter.

Escape routes are probably the most elusive component of LCES. Their effectiveness changes continuously. As the firefighter works along the fire perimeter, fatigue and spatial separation increases the time required to reach the safety zone.

The most common escape route (or part of an escape route) is the fireline. On indirect or parallel fireline, situations become compounded. Unless safety zones have been identified ahead, as well as behind, firefighters retreat may not be possible.

- Have you ever timed an escape route? If not how do you judge its effectiveness?
- Describe a time when you were uncomfortably distant from your escape route.
- Describe a method you have used to communicate an escape route to your crews.

References:

[“LCES and Other Thoughts” by Paul Gleason](#)

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