Appendix A
Sample Questions for Fire Site Visits
by Agency Administrators

Management Direction

____Who is the incident commander? If the fire is being managed under unified command, are all commanders present? Is the incident operating smoothly?
____What is the incident organization?
____What is the current situation? What has been damaged or is at risk?
____Have you received adequate direction for the management of the incident?
____Is a Wildfire Decision Support System required/still valid?
____What are the incident management objectives? Constraints? Probability of success?
____Are the tactics in the incident action plan realistic and achievable with current resources?
____Is a resource advisor needed?
____What are your estimates of suppression costs?
____What are the incident commander’s concerns?
____What are the local, social, economic, and political issues?
____Are there rehabilitation needs?
____What can I, as the agency administrator, do to help?

Safety

____What are your safety concerns?
____Are these concerns resolved? If not, what needs to be done?
____What is the general safety attitude and emphasis?
____Have you assessed the potential hazardous situations and determined if the fire can be fought safely?
____Have you applied the Fire Orders, Watch Out Situations, Lookout, Communication, Escape Routes, Safety Zones (LCES) process in selecting safe and effective strategies and tactics?
____Have you effectively briefed firefighters on hazards, safety zones, escape routes, and current and expected weather and fire behavior?
____Is the safety officer position filled? If not, how is this function being addressed?
____Are you monitoring work schedules to ensure adequate rest? Are you meeting the standard work/rest guidelines?
____Have you provided for adequate rest, food, water, and health services for all personnel?
____Are all the fire personnel qualified for the positions they hold, and are they physically able to perform?
____Have you had any injuries or accidents?
Fire Suppression Operations

- What is the fire weather forecast (present and extended)?
- What is the fire behavior potential?
- Are fire personnel briefed on incident objectives, strategies, tactics, organization, communications, hazards, and safety principles?
- Are the strategy and tactics based on current and forecasted weather?
- Are the strategy and tactics safe, effective, and consistent with management’s objectives and accepted fire policies and procedures?
- Do you have effective communication on the incident and with dispatch?
- Are you monitoring weather and fire behavior to make needed adjustments to strategy and tactics?
- Are you using tactical aircraft? Do you have an assigned air tactical group supervisor?
- Is aircraft use safe, effective, and efficient? Do you have a temporary flight restriction (TFR)?
- If the fire escapes initial attack, what will your role be in developing the Wildland Fire Decision Support System?

Administration

- Do you have any administrative concerns?
- What arrangements have you made to complete time reports, accident forms, fire report, etc.?
- Did all orders and procurement go through dispatch?
- Do you have any outstanding obligations?
- Are all rental agreements and use records properly completed?
- How did the fire start? If human-caused, has an investigation been initiated to determine the cause and develop a trespass case?
- Do you know of any current or potential claims?

Dispatch Office

- Is the incident receiving fire weather and fire behavior information?
- Is the incident getting the resources ordered in a timely manner?
- Is dispatch adequately staffed?
- What are the local, area, and national preparedness levels? How do they affect this fire?
- Are the elements identified at the various preparedness levels being considered?
- What are the current local, area and national fire situations?
- What is the priority of existing fires and how are the priorities being determined?