



## Scenario - Lookouts

Scenarios are situations that can arise on a Wildland Fire or Aviation incident and are meant to add a realistic setting for the application of Today's Safety Discussion.

In this scenario you will assume the role of crew boss as the incident transitions from Initial Attack to a large fire. Your challenge is to ensure that a lookout is always in place. Under ideal conditions the list of "what to do" is easy... under less than ideal conditions you are faced with many challenges. Listed below are just a few of those challenges. Discuss them with your crew and share some of your experiences.

### **Initial Attack** Challenges:

1. Poor access to a good vantage point.
  - Is a roving lookout acceptable in this case?
2. During Initial Attack you may be reluctant to spare one of your firefighters.
3. A small crew may not have enough experienced firefighters to select a competent lookout.

**Share your challenges of posting a competent lookout on an Initial Attack Incident.**

### **Large Fire** Challenges:

1. Who is responsible for designating a lookout for a division?
2. Can you ensure LCES is always in place for the lookout?
3. The lookout may be too far removed to observe subtle cues in the fire environment.

**Share your challenges of posting a competent lookout on a large fire.**

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