

## ***After Incident Report Lessons Learned Center***

The purpose of the After Incident Report is to identify both successes and challenges on an incident that can be used as a learning tool for others. The lessons learned in the report will also be used to improve training curriculums. Issues and trends that are identified may have Information Collection Teams assigned to them in the future for further analysis and resolution.

Type 1-5 incident commanders and agency administrators are requested to complete the following questionnaire for each incident they manage. Crews and single resources are also encouraged to complete the questionnaire for incidents they participated in:

**Incident Name:** Biscuit Fire

**Dates of Assignment:** 8<sup>th</sup> Aug to 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2002

**Unit or Jurisdiction(s):** Australia/New Zealand Ground Operations

**Geographic Area:** PNW

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1. What was the most notable success at the incident that others may learn from?

The lesson that the ANZ contingent learnt from their experience of fighting fires in the US was the provision for the welfare of the Firefighter. In particular the emphasis on personal safety with the daily six minute safety briefing and LCES. Also the medical facilities provided at the fireline and in the camps, the showers and readily available chilled water for rehydration

2. What were some of the most difficult challenges faced and how were they overcome?

The most difficult challenges our ground operations personnel encountered was adjusting to working nightshift. Specific problems were the use of ;

- chainsaws at night under the light of a headlamp, and
- falling asleep when driving while on night shift duties and at the end of the shift when returning to camp.
- Safety warnings were given at the morning briefings about the hazards of driving on greasy roads when rain was forecasted.

3. What changes, additions or deletions are recommended to wild land fire training curriculums?

- Industry standards (or industry codes of practice) need to be adopted consistently at fires for chainsaw use, and
- Consider providing drivers for night shift and a 'pickup' regime at the end of the shift.

4. What issues were not resolved to your satisfaction and need further review? Based on what was learned, what is your recommendation for resolution?

Issues not resolved to our knowledge;

- Chainsaw use at night
- A plan to mitigate the potential risks of driving on greasy roads if the predicted rain had occurred

Please submit this report to the Lessons Learned Center at the National Advanced Resource Technology Center (NARTC) attention Paula Nasiatka([pnasiatka@fs.fed.us](mailto:pnasiatka@fs.fed.us) or Fax 520-670-6413)

**Thank you for completing the report. Others can learn from your experiences.**