

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 and Type: Commissary Ridge **Dates of Assignment:** 08/31/02 to 09/09/02

Unit or Jurisdiction(s): Bureau of Land Management, Kemmerer Field Office

Geographic Area: Southwest Wyoming; Southern end of Wyoming Range

Report Submitted by: Jeff Rawson, Kemmerer Field Manager **Date:** 09/10/2002

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

The team set up, on their initiative, daily meetings for the general public. I have not seen this done in other incidents that I have been involved with. It was very effective in consideration of the fact that many private structures were threatened and had to be evaluated. I would highly recommend that this be a standard practice, at a minimum for incidents where private property and homes were threatened.

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

Extremely low fuel moisture and erratic fire behavior made for extremely tenuous conditions with structures being threatened. The teams' adherence to the concept of developing anchor points and working toward containment of the fire from those point(s) made for ultimate control of the fire. At the same time the team provided highly effective structure protection while working towards the containment of the fire. It would seem highly advisable that a review of the structure protection techniques from this incident would provide a valuable learning experience for other teams and incidents.

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

None

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

I am not aware of any unresolved issues for this team.

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

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