

*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: Frank Church Complex (Little Horse, Little Soldier, Park, Colt, Waterfall, Big Hill, and Bobtail Fires)

Dates of Assignment: 8/19 – 8/30/02

Unit or Jurisdiction(s): Salmon-Challis NF (USFS)

Geographic Area: Eastern Great Basin

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

Managing wildland fire use and confinement actions safely and successfully to accomplish cost efficiency, safety, and fire management objectives. The assignment of dedicated management oversight resources to these kinds of actions provided relief for local resources but did not require commitment of full Incident Management Team resources.

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

Establishing a system to support personnel on the fires, complete long-term risk assessments, and develop implementation plans for long-duration incidents. Support from the forest staff to conduct these activities, to order and staff accordingly, and recognition that fires would not be suppressed and removed from needing attention and scrutiny in a short timeframe.

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

Providing trainees in incident management training a better understanding of the full range of appropriate management responses and how objectives other than full protection can be successfully accomplished.

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

How teams can manage the Thirtymile Hazard Abatement and Implementation Plan requirements and document this compliance. Currently, teams are assigned these tasks but are provided no national guidance or direction and have to develop their own procedures. Consequently, a lack of consistency and standardization is occurring

associated with much confusion. This is something that must be complied with so can't some attention be given to developing some standard response and documentation procedures?

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.