

LCES Checklist

LCES must be established and known to **ALL** firefighters **BEFORE** needed.

----- Lookout(s) -----

- Experienced/Competent/Trusted
- Enough lookouts at good vantage points
- Knowledge of crew locations
- Knowledge of escape and safety locations
- Knowledge of disengagement trigger points
- Map/Weather Kit/Watch/IAP

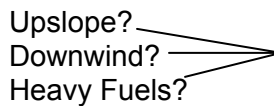
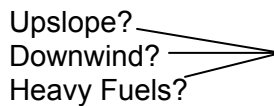
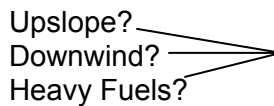
----- Communication(s) -----

- Radio frequencies confirmed
- Backup procedures and check-in time established
- Provide updates on any situation change
- Sound alarm early, not late

----- Escape Route(s) -----

- More than one escape route
- Avoid uphill escape routes
- Scouted: Loose soils/Rocks/Vegetation
- Timed: Slowest person/Fatigue and Temperature factors
- Marked: Flagged for day or night (NFES 0566)
- Evaluate: Escape time vs. Rate of spread
- Vehicles parked for escape

----- Safety Zone(s) -----

- Survivable without a fire shelter
- Back in clean burn
- Natural Features: Rock Areas/Water/Meadows
- Constructed Sites: Clearcuts/Roads/Helispots
- Scouted for size and hazards
- Upslope? 
- Downwind? 
- Heavy Fuels? 
- More heat impact ----- Larger safety zone

Escape time and safety zone size requirements will change as fire behavior changes.