

After Incident Report Lessons Learned Center

The purpose of the After Incident Report is to identify issues that occurred on an incident and how they were resolved. The lessons learned in the report will also be used to refresh or update training curriculums. Issues and trends that are identified may have Information Collection Teams assigned to them in the future for further analysis and resolution.

Incident Management Teams and Agency Administrators are encouraged to complete the following questionnaire for the incident(s) that they managed. Individual Field Units are also welcome to complete the questionnaire for incidents they participated in:

Incident Name: Mt Zirkel Complex Type 1

Dates of Assignment: 9/1 to 9/13/02

Unit or Jurisdiction(s): Routt-Medicine-Bow

Geographic Area: Rocky Mtn.

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

The 2 to 1 work-rest ratio could have been an issues on this complex (2 large wilderness fires). Bennett's Team established 6 spike camps spread across both incidents to ensure the work-rest guidelines established by the National MAC Group could be met and efficiency could be increased.

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

One of the greatest challenges was supporting the tactical actions and getting supplies and equipment into the right spike camp in a timely manner. Helicopters and helicopter time was at a premium on this complex and throughout the Rocky Mountain Geographic Area. To overcome this challenge, Logistics suggested color coding the spike camps, such as red and blue, on the map, and all supplies and equipment for a particular spike camp would be flagged in the identified color to reduce confusion, communications and greatly increase helicopter efficiency.

3. What changes, additions or deletions are recommended to various training curriculums?

During the break-out sessions at S-520 share this information with the Operation and Logistics Section Chiefs.

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

Our Team transitioned and assumed command of this incident from another Team. When command was offically transferred to Bennett's Team, we did not check the Red Cards of personnel already in-place on the complex. We do a good job of checking Red Cards as firefighters check-in, but don't do a good of checking personnel Red Card quals of individuals already assigned. Unfortunately, we did experience

some problems associated with in-place individuals functioning in positions that they were not qualified for. We've developed the operating procedure to check everyone's Red Card assigned to the incident, even if another Team has been in-place.

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.