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Incident Name: Silver II Type 2

Assignment Dates: 7/27-8/01/02

Unit or Jurisdiction: BLM Carson City

Geographic Area: Western Great Basin

Phone: 530-582-7850

Most Notable Success: Fire was relatively simple, 600 acres in a WSA,  
helicopter access only. No special problems.

Most Difficult Challenges: The federal policy for 2-1 rest. Working 12 hour  
shifts precludes meeting 2 to 1 rest over a period of time. Crews have been  
sending in false CTR's before this incident. We overcame this problem by  
leaving them on the fire for 48 hours and supporting them logistically. Of  
course, this only allows them 16 hours on the CTR. They show 8 off while  
sleeping on a fire in the wilderness. Just one of those incredible and absurd  
federal pay policy issues created by administrative people who have no clue  
what fire line activities are like. The solution was to screw the fire  
fighters, as usual.

Recommended Changes: Train the Incident Business people and current federal  
fire administration that incident business should be structured to support  
strategy development and the implementation of tactics. Currently strategy  
and tactics are controlled by incident business policy and procedures. The  
result is serious safety considerations. Secondly, we place great emphasis on  
red card qualifications when the fire escapes initial attack. Yet, we  
continue to allow people who are not certified Chief Officers to manage  
incidents prior to Team arrival. The result is very little incident  
management team support on arrival. The federal red card system is valid with  
one exception. There is a significant difference between a red carded Type  
III IC and a certified Chief Officer managing an initial attack incident. The  
two categories mentioned above are completely different responsibilities and  
skill levels. The result is poorly managed IA situations. A very common  
problem in the federal fire system.

Unresolved Issues: see number 4. Basically there are too many policies  
floating down the pipe that address symptoms and continue to avoid the  
problems. Too many to write about here. Additionally as an IC I push these  
agendas and nobody wants to address them. Until then firefighters will  
continue to die. Good luck.

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