

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: South Fork #2

Dates of Assignment: 7/2/02-7/16/02

Unit or Jurisdiction(s): WY-WRA

Geographic Area: Rocky Mountain – WY

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

The most notable success was asking each person who spoke at the morning briefing to include remarks about safety specific to that section or unit. This additional 2 – 3 minutes for each person added emphasis to safety and broadened the apparent scope of safety.

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

One challenge was having only the crew boss speak and understand English. There was a potential safety issue in that crew members may not have been receiving/understanding specific instructions such as where the safety zones were located. The contract crews were with a company called “Forest Resoration.” These were contract hand crews out of Oregon. An additional line briefing with this crew was held. A second challenge was contract crews and engine crews’ not meeting minimum standards for performance.

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

Training must be mandatory for contract crews as it is for agency crews and crews must be certified for positions.

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

Recommend that crew bosses and squad bosses speak and understand English. This is a safety as well as performance issue.

Recommend that contract crews have some qualification requirements as Agency crews and crew representatives are constantly available.

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.