

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 and Type: South Marsh 1 Wildfire - Type 4 **Dates of Assignment:** 5/17-23/2003

Unit or Jurisdiction(s): Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge **Geographic Area:** Southern Area
DeLeon Springs, FL

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

The fire was located in a remote area of the refuge. The strategy was to let the fire burn itself out after taking into consideration 1) the current and predicted weather, 2) location of the fire, and 3) current and predicted fire behavior. The nearby Ocala National Forest fire staff flew a daily detection of the fire. In three days the fire had completely burned itself out. There were no complaints of any kind from the fire.

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

Because of the amount of lightning the area was receiving, it was at first a difficult challenge obtaining a daily detection flight. This was quickly overcome due to the Refuge and the Forest's outstanding working relationship. The regularly share resources when needed. The IC contacted the nearby district fire management officer and asked if he would fly the fire each day. The forest incorporated this mission into their daily detection flights.

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

It is very important that all fire managers on both wildfires and wildland fire use fires know what all the management options are that are available to them. It is key to stress in training curriculums that on rare occasions the best plan is to monitor.

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

Not applicable.

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.

