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Incident Name: Spring Creek Type 2

Assignment Dates: July 10 through July 16, 2002

Unit Jurisdictions: Whiter River N.F.

Geographic area: Rocky Mountain

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Most Notable Success: Indirect attack coupled with burn-out was successful in the spruce-fir zone. A computer technical specialist was ordered and was instrumental in keeping the computer system operational during the assignment.

Most Difficult Challenges: Mop-up was difficult because of a lack of engine access. The Proteus machine was used successfully in the mop-up stage. This machine has a 3000 gallon tank and can operate in 70 % slopes and 40% side slopes. This machine coupled with a hand crew can be an effective combination. The Proteus come from R-1 and is a very capable machine for certain fire situations. The ground on the Spring Creek Fire was well adapted for its use. The best way to get more info on them is at their website, WWCONTRACTING.COM.

Recommended Training Changes: None

Unresolved Issues: Line officer briefings would have been more beneficial if given in a more timely manner. closer to the arrival of a team. Grand Junction Weather Service did not understand the importance of warning crews of approaching storms when they must have been clearly visible on radar. This information was requested each morning and a promise was made to notify us of these storms. The lack of advance warnings was surprising in view of past events that have happened here. The best source of information for Bryan Swift about weather information is from my FBAN. His name is Dick Davies and he can be reached by email or at 406-863-5421.
