

Panther Fire
Time-Line of Significant Events
July 23 through July 26, 2008

Wednesday, July 23, 2008		
Time	Position on Fire	Narrative
8:00	FMO	FMO dispatches ICT4 and 10 person module to a reported fire from the IR received on the morning of 7/23/08 (Caused by a lightning strike on 7/22/08 @ 0:21)
12:40	ICT4	Report to Dispatch - Air Attack estimated size of fire is 45 to 50 acres. Placed order for additional resources.
14:00	ICT4	Update to Dispatch - Estimated size of fire is 50 acres, fuel model 10
14:58	Jumpers	Leave Redding California for Panther Fire
15:30	FMO	Notifies ICT4 that an ICT3 had been ordered and he would be assigned as an Trainee
15:35	Jumpers	Jumpers plane arrives over fire
16:45	Jumpers	Jumpers complete jump on fire
17:53	ICT4	Update to Dispatch - Status Report - Air Attack flew fire and reports fire crossed top, holding on ridge coming down 1 flank, inversion starting, lookouts posted, LCES in place.
21:42	ICT4	Report to Dispatch - All assigned resources off of fire at DP-15
		<p>Significant Events: Fire makes run up right flank and crosses top of knob down the left flank. Fire holds on ridge. Air support provides water drops on lower end of fire. Smoke Jumpers hit edge and move upwards towards top of ridge. Begin to build P-Line off top towards 14N05 RD. FMO ordered an ICT3</p> <p>Weather: Max. Temp. (77 Degrees) Min. Relative Humidity (39%) Eye Level Winds Up Slope (1-3 MPH) Varying Smoke</p>
Thursday, July 24, 2008		
8:43	ICT4	Update to Dispatch - Jumpers on Westside of slope, hand crews on flank, 3 crews en route, unable to see fire - Inversion on river corridor, sky clear on top
9:00	ICT4	Fire transitions to Type 3 Incident. ICT4 transfers command to ICT3. ICT4 is assigned to fire as Trainee. Morning briefing given by ICT3.
9:00	ICT3	Morning briefing is conducted on Panther Fire with on fire resources
9:14	ICT3	C2 Medical Incident - Ordered Ambulance
9:15	Trainee	Report to Dispatch - Crew member down, in and out of conscience, Request ambulance
9:26	Trainee	Update to Dispatch - Patient update - 21 y/o male, P=96, conscience and alert with cramping - Patient to be placed on back board and moved to DP-15
10:45	Trainee	Report to Dispatch - Status Report - West/Left Flank- Jumpers working top, helicopters working lower left flank of fire. Visibility is poor for air attack,

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11:38	AMB	C2 Medical Incident - (2) Patients are transported by ambulance
14:00	Trainee	Report to Dispatch - Status Report - Estimated size of fire is 175 acres
20:00	Trainee	Report to Dispatch - All assigned resources off of fire at DP-15
		<p>Significant Events: Established LZ for Drop Points DIV-E & DIV-Z, Cut P-Line to 14N05 RD - Established an indirect line from DP-16 to fire edge - Jumpers continue to establish anchor point without success. Indirect on Left Flank</p> <p>Significant Information: P-Line fuel Model 10 - significant change in estimated size of fire from previous day at 50 acres to 175 acres on July 24.</p> <p>Weather: Max. Temp (77 Degrees) Min. Relative Humidity (32%) Eye Level Winds Up Slope (1-3 MPH) Varying Smoke</p>
Friday, July 25, 2008		
7:00	Trainee	Morning Briefing provided at the Panther Fire
8:00	Trainee	All assigned resources working on the fire
17:30	ICT3, Trainee	Panther Fire Command overhead leaves Panther Fire for District Office to meet with FMO – DIVS-Z & DIVS-E in charge of respective resources
19:30	Trainee	A briefing is conducted with FMO – Decision is made to transition fire into Siskiyou Complex. Generated IAP for Panther
21:30	DIVS-Z, DIVS-E	Report to Dispatch - All assigned resources off of fire at DP-15
22:00	ICT3, Trainee	Panther Fire Command Overhead arrive back from District Office to DP15
		<p>Significant Events: Establish Div- E & Z. Fire on ridge (Right Flank) and had fingered down into drainage.</p> <p>Significant Information: ICT3 & Trainee decide to transfer fire to Team, Meet with FMO and develop written IAP for 7/26/08</p> <p>Weather: Max. Temp (80 Degrees) Min. Relative Humidity (26%) Eye Level Winds Up Slope (1-3 MPH Gust 4-6 MPH) Varying Smoke</p>
Saturday, July 26, 2008		
6:00	Trainee	Conduct morning briefing and hold discussion regarding change in tactics. Advised resources ICT3 would transfer to Team on 7/27/08
6:00	DIVS-1, DIVS-2	Attended the briefing at Orleans Base Camp
6:30	DIVS-1, DIVS-2	Meet with Branch and get assignment to Panther Fire, sent to fire to scout and plan for next day.
9:30	DIVS-1, DIVS-2	Meet FMO along 15N17Y road and receive basic intel briefing from FMO
10:00	DIVS-1, DIVS-2	Arrives at Panther ICP at DP-16

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10:00	ICT3, Trainee	Conducts briefing with DIVS-1 & DIVS-2
10:30	Branch	Arrives at Panther ICP at DP-16
10:30	ICT3, Trainee	Conduct briefing on status of Panther Fire with incoming Branch Director, DIVS-1, DIVS-2, and Supt. Crews are disengaged and waiting at DP-16.
10:30	T2IA, IHC	Begin to travel up the P-Line (indirect line) to engage indirect, Jumpers on hold in DIV-Z
10:30	DIVS-Z & DIVS-E	Scout respective divisions
11:00 11:30	T2IA-LO	Look-Out in place. Observes increase in fire activity.
11:30	IHC	Disengages from fire and returns to DP-16
12:00	DIVS-1, DIVS-2	Close out discussion with other three overhead and Trainee. DIVS-1 & 2 instructed to recon and develop plan for Sunday, 7/27. They drive out 14N05 road together in DIVS-2 truck to survey road system
12:00	Branch	Leaves DP-16 travel to District Office
12:30 13:00	ICT3, Trainee	Depart DP-16 travel to DP-15 to attend to logistic issues.
13:00	T2IA, IHC	Reengage on fire
13:30	DIVS-1, DIVS-2	Approximate time DIVS -1 & 2 meet IHC on 14N05 RD. Saw that the crews had reengaged when they returned from driving to end of the 14N05 road. DIVS 1 & 2 had a short briefing with Supt. which ended with DIVS-2 saying "We'll tie in with you on the line". They then drove back to DP-16 to hike out the indirect line.
14:00	DIVS-1, DIVS-2	Approximate time DIVS-1 & 2 left DP 16 to hike out indirect line.
14:15	DIVS-1, DIVS-2	DIVS-1 & 2 hike up first knob encounter T2IA crew working on line and stopped and visited with the saw boss. DIVS-1 & 2 continues on to meet IHC at saddle. *Also during this time T2IA-LO (located near first peak at 3600') noticed and reported increase of fire behavior down in the drainage.
14:15	T2IA-LO	LO radios Supt of increased fire behavior.
14:30	T2IA-LO	Reports increased fire behavior, column breaking through inversion
14:30 14:45	ICT3, Trainee	ICT3 or Trainee has radio contact with DIVS-1, reporting their (DIVS-1 & 2) location close to IHC in saddle.

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15:00	DIVS-1, DIVS-2	Approximate time, DIVS-1 & 2 arrive at saddle and meet up with IHC and Supt."He (Supt.) pulled them (IHC) tighter and gave them an order to disengage the line. And the reason was that someone on their crew, either he or someone had heard fire activity over on the fire side and he was going to move his folks out...we (DIVS-1 &2) continue to listen to him brief them and he said go down single file. When you get to the road I want you to return to DP16....We said (DIVS-1 &2) we were going to continue westward on this hand line location to the black area and we were going to stage up there (Division break, high knob)) and so we left.." (DIVS-2 statement)
15:10 15:15	Supt.	<i>"The fire hit the ridge all across the ridgeline [from] a ½ mile of DP16 and to the west [of the saddle] another 200 yards against the hard black just short of the 3971 elevation knob".(Supt. statement)</i>
15:10 15:15	DIVS-1, DIVS-2	Decide to go down to saddle rather than continue to safe black at peak <i>"I am not sure how far we got up towards that knob, having never been there but maybe a quarter of the way, but when we heard the fire activity down below us and then looked and saw that the fire was making a run towards the ridge...had a brief discussion of go up or go down....we choose to go down back to the saddle."</i> (DIVS-2 statement)
15:10 15:15	DIVS-1, DIVS-2	DIVS-1 reports on radio <i>"We are getting out of harm's way"</i> Prior to getting to the saddle, just prior to getting to it, the fire arrived on the ridge and it cut off our escape route to the road and at that point DIVS-1 said <i>" We need to deploy. We need to deploy"</i> (DIVS-2 statement)
15:15	DIVS-1, DIVS-2	DIVS-1 deploys fire shelter and DIVS-2 took another look around decides not to deploy and escapes cross country down to the road.
15:15	Supt.	<i>"I witnessed extreme fire behavior with flame lengths exceeding 100 feet." (Supt. statement).</i>
15:20	Trainee	Trainee finds DIVS-2 on 14N05 road. "A few moments later [Supt.] told [IHC] foremen that one of the DIVS is missing. We all gather up, punch in [IHC]'s frequency and develop a plan." (DIVS-E statement)
15:30	Jumpers	Search and rescue grid started by jumpers
15:37	Trainee	Trainee radio call to air attack orders air support
15:42	Jumpers	Jumpers pull off due to extreme heat and request by Air Attack to clear space for water drops by helicopters.
15:52	Air Attack	Air Attack planning to set up daisy chain with 7 helicopters in bound to site
15:54	DIVS-Z, DIVS-E	10 jumpers, DIVS-E, DIVS-Z, and IHC captain at safe location in black

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16:08	Air Attack	Air Attack planning water drops from high point down to saddle, west to east, to cool area of suspected deployment site of DIVS-1.
16:13	Helo	Helicopters begin water drops
16:15	Helo	Helicopter sees something shining east of ridge, water drops stopped Air Attack investigates.
16:18	Air Attack	Air Attack thinks see something, closer looks reveals only rocks.
16:20	Air Attack	Resume water drops with helicopters.
16:22	DIVS-Z	DIVS-Z directs Air Attack to redirect water drops to the northeast of Peak toward saddle to cool down area to allow crews to search in that area for DIVS-1.
16:34	Air Attack	Air Attack reports daisy chain with helicopters working well. DIVS-Z directs Air Attack to push drops further down into the saddle and on the north side of saddle at expected deployment site of DIVS-1.
16:42	Air Attack	Air Attack reports seeing something. DIVS-Z asked Air Attack to stop water drops to allow jumpers to resume search and rescue.
16:50	Jumpers	Deployment site of DIVS-1 found– Assessment performed, Vitals (P=0, BP=0, R=0) – Fatality confirmed by EMT on jump crew - Trainee direct Jumpers and other on fire to disengage and report to the Independence Bridge
18:45	Trainee	All resources off panther fire and staged at Independent Ridge.
		<p>Significant Events: At 14:30 T2IA-LO reports increased fire behavior with column breaking through inversion. At approximately 15:00 fire begins run up slope towards saddle. At approximately 15:10 DIVS-1 & DIVS-2 are located in saddle approximately 200 ft from IHC escape line to 14N05 RD. At 15:15 DIVS-1 deploys shelter, DIVS-2 escapes down slope to 14N05 RD through brush. At 16:50 DIVS-1 is confirmed a fatality by EMT with Smoke Jumpers.</p> <p>Weather Information: (16:00 hrs) Max. Temp (77 Degrees) Min. Relative Humidity (29%) Eye Level Winds Up Slope (1-3 MPH Gust to 10 MPH) Varying Smoke <i>"Not much wind noticed until 14:00 hrs, then occasional breeze"</i> (DIVS-2)</p>

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