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| **Wilderness Fire Size Up**  In addition to size, location, etc., the below information will determine initial fire engagement needs. | | | | | | | |
|  | 1. Serious Threat to: |  |  | 1. Potential to Escape Wilderness: |  |  | 1. Fuel Continuity |
|  | Human Life |  |  | Low |  |  | Open |
|  | Wilderness Boundary |  |  | Moderate |  |  | Broken |
|  | Admin Sites |  |  | High |  |  | Continuous |
|  | Private Lands |  |  | Unknown |  |  | Dense |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Within/near old Burns/Barriers |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1. Primitive Suppression Needs: |  |  | 1. Mechanized Suppression Needs: |  |  | 1. Resupply |
|  | Gravity Sock |  |  | Chainsaw |  |  | Add’l Food, Water, Supplies |
|  | Additional Crosscut Saw |  |  | Pump |  |  | Frequency of resupply |
|  | C Class Crosscut Faller |  |  | Bucket/Blivet |  |  | Days till resupply |
|  | Additional Firefighters |  |  | Helicopter transport |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Airtanker |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1. Demob Options: |  |  | 1. Trail Conditions: |  |  | 1. Distance to Trail: |
|  | Trail |  |  | Poor |  |  | 0-1 miles |
|  | Packstock/Walk |  |  | Good |  |  | 1-3 miles |
|  | Airstrip |  |  | Excellent |  |  | >3 miles |
|  | Helispot |  |  | Trail Name/Number |  |  |  |
|  | Long Line Gear Retrieval |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 1. Demob Travel Time |  |  | 1. Gear Weight (ea): |  |  | 1. Firefighter Condition |
|  | 1-3 hrs |  |  | 30-50# |  |  | Good (day off after IA) |
|  | 3-6 hrs |  |  | 50-100# |  |  | Very Good (day off prior to IA) |
|  | >6 hrs |  |  | >100# |  |  | Unknown |
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Natural Ignition in Wilderness is reported

**Tactical Aircraft Gathers Wilderness Fire Sizeup (below), pictures, etc.**

**Intel Needed Prior to making initial determination for suppression action or managing Fire for Multiple Objectives**

Dispatch automatically sends tactical aircraft for Intel

Dispatch calls Zone DO. Default response is Fire for Resource Benefit

Salmon River Response Zone 6404

Chamberlain Response Zone 6401

**Wilderness Fire Management Assessment – Questions to answer prior to committing to initial engagement**

Frank Church Plan and Forest Plan directs that “lightning caused fires in Wilderness will be permitted to play, as nearly as possible, their ecological role within the FCRONRW”

Plan further provides a Standard of “All lightning caused fires will be evaluated as potential Wildland Fire Use candidates”

“Suppression actions will be taken where lightning-caused fires pose serious threats to life and/or property within the wilderness or life, property or natural resources outside the wilderness”

**To meet the intent of the Plan, some factors to consider are:**

1. Are there Values at Risk?
   1. How Far away are Values?
   2. Are Values in the typical spread of fires in this area?
   3. What is the probability of fire impacting Values?
   4. Estimate (hours, days, months) when values would be impacted?
   5. Is there old fire scars between fire and Values?
   6. Can Values be point protected?
2. What are the risks to firefighters?
   1. Steep terrain
   2. Aerial ingress/egress
   3. Snags
3. What are the benefits to fire suppression?
   1. Are we protecting life?
   2. Are we protecting property?
   3. Are we protecting natural resources outside of Wilderness?
   4. Are we protecting political values? – smoke, etc.
4. Will there be impacts to Wilderness by suppression actions?
   1. Physical impacts
   2. Social impacts – motorized/mechanized intrusions
   3. Political impacts
   4. Closures?
5. Are there other factors to consider?
   1. Time of year
   2. Indices
   3. Other factors

District Ranger, Zone DO, Forest DO Use Attached **Wilderness Fire Management Assessment**

to Evaluate Fire for Management for Multiple Objectives

* Face to face preferred
* No Decision made on initial engagement until above Intel is received
* 2012 Risk Decision Framework discussion and **Wilderness Fire Mgt Assessment**.
* Initial decision w/in 30 min if possible
* Invite Forest Supervisor if he is available

**Decide Appropriate Management Response and**

* District Ranger Communicate to Forest Supervisor or Acting
* Zone DO Document in Fire Log Folder

Forest Supervisor

engage RFT

Forest DO/Fire Staff engage RO Fire

**Forest Supervisor Decide Motor/Mech intrusion and documents (email to DR) type, number and duration of intrusions**

**District Ranger Communicate Motor/Mech Decision to Zone DO; Zone DO communicate to Forest DO**

**District Ranger Recommends Motor/Mech Authorization To Forest Sup**

**Decide to Manage Fire For Multiple Objectives**

* **Staffing**
* **Tools**
* **Resource Benefits**

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Confine/ Contain/ Monitor/ Patrol

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Suppression with Traditional Tools and Non-Motor Access

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Suppression with Traditional Tools but Motorized Transport

Full Suppression with all available Motorized/Mechanized

**Decide to take some sort of Suppression Action**