JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
REPORT #12-8273

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Supplement No
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Reported Date
03/26/2012
Nature Of Call
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Member#/Dept D#
SENSANO,MICHAEL

Administrative Information

Agency	Report No	Supplement No	Reported Date	Reported Time
Jefferson County Sheriff Office	12-8273	ORIG	03/26/2012	13:55

Status	Nature Of Call
OPEN - FORWARD TO INVESTIGATIONS	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY

Location	From Date	From Time
S. FOXTON RD/CTY HWY 96	03/26/2012	13:50

Member#/Dept ID#	Assignment	Entered by
5034/SENSANO,MICHAEL	PATROL MOUNTAIN WATCH A	5034

RMS Transfer	Prop Trans Stat	Approving Officer	Approval Date	Approval Time
Successful	Successful	5040	04/03/2012	07:14:23

Person Summary

Invl	Invl No	Type	Name	MNI	Race	Sex	DOB
OTH	1	G	STATE FOREST SERVICE	1152610			
RP	1	B	NORTH FORK FIRE DEPT	99647			

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OTHER 1: STATE FOREST SERVICE

Involvement	Invl No	Type	Name	MNI	PRN
OTHER	1	Government	STATE FOREST SERVICE	1152610	1453079

REPORTING PARTY 1: NORTH FORK FIRE DEPT

Involvement	Invl No	Type	Name	MNI
REPORTING PARTY	1	Business	NORTH FORK FIRE DEPT	99647

PRN: 1453080

Type	Address	City
Work/Business	19384 CTY HWY 126	BUFFALO CRK

Date: 03/26/2012

Phone Type	Phone No	Date
Business	[redacted]	03/26/2012

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On 032612 at approximately 1355 hours, I was advised by the Jefferson County Sheriffs Office that there was a smoke that was being observed around the Riley Peak area of the USFS. The caller who was at 13589 Callae Crt was reporting that the smoke was very thick.

I proceeded to the area when I heard dispatch say that North Fork Fire was enroute. I asked if they were able to check forest rd 538 which goes to the Riley Peak area and I would check the area from the Reynolds Reserve area north from the Long Gulch area.

This area was accessible from S. Foxton Rd and from the top there is a good unobscured view of the area.

I drove to the end and parked at the cul-de-sac and started to hike to the high point of Long Gulch. I also heard that Sgt Parr was enroute up to the
area so I had given him the combination to enter onto Reynolds Reserve via the locked gate.

When I got to the end I saw that the smoke was very heavy and that I recognized that area to be the Denver Water Board, Bannon Property. I also recognized that the area that was smoking had been the area of a prescribed fire which was operated by the State Forest Service Crew. From my vantage point I was able to see a white pick-up truck and it appeared to be a State Forest Service Vehicle. I did not see anyone in the area of the fire and I did not see any fire crews or fire vehicles in the area and the wind was blowing very hard. I was pushed off balance as I stood on the point.

By that time Sgt PARR had arrived. He also saw the fire and the smoke, I told him of what I believed to be a State Forest Service vehicle parked on the top pf the hill and west of the burn area. I still believed that the fire was consuming a lot of fuel and it was burning hard throwing up black smoke in the area. I then advised that I had believed this to be a prescribed fire. I then asked the Jefferson County Sheriffs' Office Dispatcher if she would check and see if the fire was contained. She replied a short time later. "Technically Not". I explained that that was a weird response and we looked at the fire which was described as only being a 5-10 acre fire. We believed that the fire had consumed more than 10 acres. I again looked for personnel but was unable to see any within the smoke area or the burn area.

We left the area to go down to the bottom to open the gate for responding personnel. Sgt PARR left heading north. I then observed a short time later, members from the Jefferson County Fire Mitigation Crew responding code to the area south of me.

I then met with Fire Fighter Joe PAGE and we drove back up to the area that I had been at earlier. There was a short delay being that there was vehicular problems of the Elk Creek Fire Dept. Jeep Cherokee but we did get up to the end of the roadway. The Fire Chief for North Fork Fire Dept, as well as Chief Ware from the Elk Creek Fire Dept. arrived a short time later and passed us proceeding to the end of the Reserve. After I assisted Firefighter Joe PAGE. we both got to the top as the other chiefs were leaving to set up fighting the fire. Firefighter Joe PAGE then moved to a lower point to be a "spotter" and I remained at the top.

Lt. ESTER and Sgt TABORSKY arrived and I pointed out the fire to them and explained that I believed that the fire was a State Forest Service Fire and I pointed out the area of the fire and its relationship to the residential area above it. The area being Ridge Rd and Kuehster Rd. I also explained that there were members of our fire

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mitigation crew within the burn area and that they had arrived some time before the Sgt and Lt arrival. I pointed out the firefighters on scene now and that there was a firefighter spotting on the lower ridge closer to the fire. I also explained that the path of travel could be based on the wind an the fact that there were canyons rising to the top of the ridge which are inhabited. Both Sgt TABORSKY and LT ESTER left the area as they were initiating evacuation plans.

I then proceeded to the area of the river and started to check the area. At approximately 1838 hours i arrived at 18475 S Platte River Rd. I noticed that the occupants were still at home and that there were members of Channel 9 News present filming.. I also noticed that the fire had crested the ridge and was starting to move down the ridge. The area had good defensible space but I still contacted the Jefferson County Sheriffs Office Dispatch to notify a fire crew to assist in structure protection of the residence and the surrounding area.

The North Fork Fire Dept Engine arrived and assisted me in removing flammable patio furniture from the deck area of the residence

The residents and the press crew (2 adult males) left the area. without incident.

I continued to check the area and I drove to the Dome Rock area where there were no signs of fire close by.

At approximately 1845 hours I then proceeded to the area of Kuehster to assist with additional evacuation as well as "Traffic Control Post" at the intersection of Pleasant Park/Oehlman Park.

I was relieved from this post at approximately 0145 hours on 032612. My shift ended at 0230

On 032712 at approximately 0700 hours I spoke to SGT PARR who requested CST assistance at KUEHSTER where Deputy BRUENING had high centered his patrol vehicle. I proceeded to the area and started to photograph the area under case number 12-8270.

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At approximately 1640 hours the Jefferson County Sheriffs Office Dispatch advised to check 12839 S. Foxton due to the fact that there was possibly an irate adult male there due to the closure of the road. I checked and everything was fine.

I returned to the CTP at S Fixation and Running Deer and remained until 1845. My shift ended at 1930 hours.

On 032812, 032912, 033012, and 033112 I was assigned to rove the S. Platte of the North Fork due to the fact of road closures. During this time I also had conducted escorts of care providers to the Blackhawk Rd.

Also I transported two VMS boards to the S. Foxton Rd/US Hwy 285 post and the Buffalo Creek Board.

The S. Foxton Rd Section was reopened so VMS board 199 was transported to the "Com-Bus" on 040212 and the message was changed on VMS board 898 advising of the fire ban. It still is at Buffalo Creek on Cty Rd 96/Cty Rd 126.

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Member#/Dept D#
BRUENING,DAVID

Administrative Information

Agency	Report No	Supplement No	Reported Date	Reported Time
Jefferson County Sheriff Office	12-8273	0001	04/02/2012	11:12

Member#/Dept ID#	Assignment	Entered by
1552/BRUENING,DAVID	PATROL MOUNTAIN WATCH A	1552

RMS Transfer	Prop Trans Stat	Approving Officer	Approval Date	Approval Time
Successful	Successful	5040	04/11/2012	16:01:21

Narrative

On Monday March 26, 2012 at about 5:50 p.m., Deputy R. Barnes, Deputy J. Hertel, Deputy J. Chrachol and I responded to the area of 14094 North Ranch Trail reference a forest fire on the home owner's property. There had been numerous reports of a large fire in the area and we were attempting home owner evacuations in the area. I was driving Jefferson County Patrol vehicle # 2498.

Once in the area, there were numerous small spot ground fires and near zero visibility due to smoke, ash and fire embers. As Deputy Barnes and Deputy Chrachol assisted the home owner at 14094 North Ranch Trail, Deputy Hertel and I attempted to evacuate homes on Eagle Vista Drive. At the intersection of Kuehster Road and Eagle Vista Drive, the fire was visibly in the trees and on the ground. Visibility was zero feet and the wind was blowing from the east at about 30 to 40 mph. I made the decision to turn around at the intersection for personal safety concerns of both Deputy Hertel and myself.

Deputy Hertel and I then returned to 14094 North Ranch Trail to assist that homeowner who was attempting to safe his live stock. After about 5 minutes, the home owner stated, "I'm not leaving, I've built this all by myself." We informed the homeowner that we could not make him leave but that due to our personal safety, we were going to evacuate the area.

At about 6:20 p.m., all four deputies got in our respective department vehicles and started back down Kuehster Road towards Pleasant Park Road. The visibility was again near zero due to smoke, ash and flames. I was the lead vehicle in the group of four as we headed down Kuehster Road. As we drove slowly down Kuehster, the wind driven smoke, ash and flames covered the road making navigation near impossible. With the zero visibility, I was only able to follow the mapping in my patrol vehicle to help navigate down the road.

At one point, I drove off the road and into a ditch. I was able to drive out of the ditch then immediately re-entered a ditch due to no visibility. As I was attempting to find the roadway, I veered farther off the left side of the road. At that point, the visibility was zero with heavy smoke, ash and flames surrounding my vehicle. I then attempted to drive forward to the right to get back on the roadway. I drove forward and drove into a small tree. I then attempted to back up and regain some bearing. As I drove back, I drove over what appeared to be numerous rocks causing the vehicle to high-center on a large rock. I attempted to drive forward again but the vehicle was stuck and would not move.

At that point, fearing for my personal safety, I aired over the radio "I need help." The vehicle was surrounded by flames and smoke and I had no visual on any of the other vehicles that were following me. Within about 1 minute, Deputy Chrachol aired that he was on the road behind my location just to the right. I was able to see the emergency lights of his vehicle and I abandoned vehicle 2498 and ran to Deputy Chrachol's vehicle. I was able to retrieve the keys for 2498 and kept them with me. Deputy Barnes who was the third vehicle in the line then aired that we were cut off by the fire and we were returning to the North Ranch Trail area for safety.

All three vehicles and the four deputies were able to drive back to 14186 Kuehster Road and we parked in an open field at the residence. About 10 minutes later, Fire Department brush truck crew was able to reach our location. The decision was made to evacuate our locate and drive back down Kuehster Road. The fire crew confirmed that the fire had pushed over the road at the location of my vehicle and the road was passable. We

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then followed the brush truck back down Kuehster Road where the fire crew stopped at the intersection of Kuehster Road and Elk Ridge Road. The three Jefferson County vehicles continued down Kuehster Road safely.

I remained at the intersection of Kuehster Road and Pleasant Park Road and assisted with traffic control for the remainder of the evening. I was relieved from my location at about 11:30 p.m.

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Member#/Dept D#
FEHRINGER,WENDY

Administrative Information

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Jefferson County Sheriff Office	12-8273	0002	04/02/2012	11:46

Member#/Dept ID#	Assignment	Entered by
1631/FEHRINGER,WENDY	PATROL MOUNTAIN WATCH A	1631

RMS Transfer	Prop Trans Stat	Approving Officer	Approval Date	Approval Time
Successful	Successful	5046	04/02/2012	21:13:57

Narrative

On March 26,2012 at about 5:02 p.m. Jefferson County Dispatch initiated reverse 9-1-1 with an evacuation 2 mile radius from Kuehster and Arrowhead Springs Trail reference a Wildland Fire. The evacuation was mandatory and the evacuation site was Conifer High School. I was enroute to Conifer High School at about 5:16 p.m. and arrived at about 5:34 p.m. Bill Robbins, of Jefferson Schools Security, arrived at about the same time.

Evacuees began arriving at about 5:50 p.m.

Red Cross volunteers began arriving at about 6:05 p.m.

I attempted to provide information to the evacuees the best I could and requested copies of maps from the Conifer High School library staff.

I was relieved by Deputy Jeff Krage and Deputy Scott Stephens at about 10:00 p.m. I returned to the Mountain Substation to wait for Sergeant James Parr and the rest of my team.

Everyone was accounted for and cleared the Mountain Substation at about 11:19 p.m.

Disposition: Closed

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Member#/Dept D#
BARNES,RANDAL

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Agency	Report No	Supplement No	Reported Date	Reported Time
Jefferson County Sheriff Office	12-8273	0003	04/09/2012	07:35

Member#/Dept ID#	Assignment	Entered by
0156/BARNES,RANDAL	PATROL MOUNTAIN WATCH A	0156

RMS Transfer	Approving Officer	Approval Date	Approval Time
Pending	5040	04/09/2012	13:04:55

Assisting Deputy	Assisting Deputy	Assisting Deputy
DEPUTY DAVE BRUENING	DEPUTY JASON HERTEL	DEPUTY WENDY FEHRINGER
Assisting Deputy	**Assisting Deputy**	**Assisting Deputy**
DEPUTY JERRY CHRACHOL	SERGEANT MIKE RUBENSTEIN	CAPTAIN DELL KLEINSCHMIDT
Assisting Deputy		
DEPUTY MIKE SENSANO		

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On 03-26-2012 at about 1700 hours myself, Deputy Bruening, Deputy Hertel, Deputy Fehringer was at the Mountain Precinct waiting to see if we were needed to assist on the fire at in the Pike National Forest off of Foxton, later identified as the Lower North Fork Fire. Sergeant Parr advised that the reverse 911 was actuated and told us to respond to the fire.

I advised Sergeant Parr that I was familiar with the area and that I would respond there to start evacuations. Deputy Hertel and Deputy Bruening followed me. We activated our emergency equipment, (lights and sirens). Deputy Fehringer was asked to respond to Conifer High School to assist with the evacuees.

JCSO Dispatch advised that evacuations had started on Kuester Road. I asked how many deputies were on Kuester Road to evacuate. JCSO dispatch said only one. I advised dispatch that we would respond to Kuester Road.

We arrived in the area at about 1750 hours. JCSO dispatch advised of a 911 call stating a man was trapped on North Trail Court. On arrival in the area there were trees burning on both sides of Kuester road as well as a lot of smoke. Driving was slow due to the lack of visibility. While driving to North Trail Court we meet up with Deputy Chrachol,Jerry. The 4 of us drove to North Trail Court. I asked Deputy Hertel and Bruening to start the evacuations on North Trail while Deputy Chrachol and I look for the man that was trapped. I contacted a female who said she was the wife of the man located at 13874 North Trail Court. She told me that he was trying to gather up the live stock. I told her to leave the area and that we would help him. The man later identified as James Chambers was at the rear of the residence trying to load several horses in a trailer. I told James that he needed to leave. He said he wasn't going to leave without his horses. Deputy Chrachol and I stayed and assisted him for about 10 minutes. I told him that he needed to leave immediately. He said "no" I got his name and date of birth. I gave that information to JSCO dispatch and advised that he was a refusal.

Deputy Bruening and Hertel arrived just as we were leaving. Deputy Bruening said that the fire was heading straight for us. We all felt that it was time to clear out. Deputy Bruening was in the lead car and started out towards Pleasant Park Road by way of north Kuester Road. Deputy Chrachol was 2nd with Deputy Hertel in third and I was at the rear.

There was fire on both sides of the road. I could see houses burning. The smoke was so bad that I could not see the road or the vehicle in front of me. We all had our emergency lights activated. I opened my driver side window to see if I could see the ditch so I could use that as a reference to stay on the road. My vehicle immediately filled up with black smoke and burning embers.

At about 1826 hours Deputy Bruening advised that he had driven his vehicle off of the road and was stuck. He said that he was in trouble. We could not see him and he could not see our lights. Deputy Chrachol and myself

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used our spotlights but could not find him. Sergeant Rubenstein asked us to activate our sirens hoping that Deputy Bruening could hear the sirens. A couple of minutes later Deputy Chrachol and myself saw Deputy Bruening's vehicle. Deputy Chrachol used his car radio and guided Deputy Bruening to his patrol vehicle. Deputy Bruening got out of his vehicle and joined Deputy Chrachol in his. We all turned around and headed back the same way we started. The fire was too intense to continue on North Kuester Road.

Sergeant Rubenstein, Captain Kleinshmidt as well as Deputy Sensano lead us out of the burn area and to an open field using mapping and our GPS coordinates. I was told to continue south on Kuester that there was an open field. We all ended up at 14206 Kuester Road. There was a large area where the fire had already been. Next to the field was a log home. Next to the log home was a clump of trees and a wood pile completely engulfed in flames. I grabbed the garden house while deputy Bruening turned on the water. We both tried to put out the fire but the water pressure was very low. Soon after 2 members of the fire department arrived and put water on the fire.

Several minutes after the fire department arrived we all heard a very loud noise. It sounded like a jet was right over the top of us. A member of the fire department told me that the fire was exploding and that we needed to leave the area. The four of us headed back down Kuester Road. The smoke was not as bad. We were able to see the road and drive out of the area.

The media was parked on Kuester road and Pleasant park road. Several members of the media was trying to interview home owners. Several fights almost broke out. I talked to the media and asked them to leave the homeowners alone during this troubled time. They agreed too talk to the homeowners only if they agreed. I talked to as many of the homeowners as I could and tried to give them as much information as I could about where the fire was. I asked them to leave the area for their safety and go to Conifer High School where they could get updated information.

Deputy Bruening joined me in my patrol unit and we drove back up Kuster to continue the evacuations. We cleared the area at about 0030 hours on 03-27-2012.

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Nature Of Call

Member#/Dept D#
ROACH,DONALD

Administrative Information

Agency	Report No	Supplement No	Reported Date	Reported Time
Jefferson County Sheriff Office	12-8273	0004	04/09/2012	13:26

Member#/Dept ID#	Assignment	Entered by
1500/ROACH,DONALD	INVESTIGATIONS INTEL	1500

RMS Transfer	Prop Trans Stat	Approving Officer	Approval Date	Approval Time
Successful	Successful	0084	04/09/2012	14:50:17

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PHONE INTERVIEW WITH CURT ROGERS

On April 3, 2012, at about 2:24 p.m., I conducted a phone interview with Curt Rogers, Fire Chief for the North Fork Fire Department, as part of the investigation into the origin and cause of the Lower North Fork Fire (LNF).

During my interview with Chief Rogers, we spoke about his response for assistance to the prescribed burn area on Denver Water Board property on March 26, 2012. On that day North Fork Fire personnel were dispatched to the Denver Water Board Property by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Dispatch, to assist the Colorado State Forest Service with a "slop over" in the prescribed burn area. When Chief Rogers arrived at the prescribed burn area he observed a Colorado State Forest Service "engine" engaged in fire suppression along the dirt road on the property. As he continued in he observed "multiple spot fires" on the northeast end of the burn unit. As additional NFFD fire personnel arrived, they began to assist with extinguishing spot fires in the area. At that time, Chief Rogers spoke with the CSFS Forester Kevin Michalak, and discussed concerns that the fire was becoming a much larger event. It was determined that the request for a Type 3 Incident Management Team (IMT) be made. Chief Rogers estimated that the fire had spread to approximately five acres at that time.

I asked Chief Rogers if he had made the request to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for the Type 3 IMT and he stated he did, but that he believed CSFS had already made the request.

Chief Rogers stated that while he was on scene the wind was "extremely strong" and that one of the firefighters working on a NFFD engine had used either a Kestrol or a Sky Master to take a wind measurement. According to Rogers the wind measurement showed the wind to be sustained at 50 mph from the southwest, with stronger gusts.

Chief Rogers, Michalak and Elk Creek Fire Department Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin went to the end of Platte View Rd., to look over the fire. Rogers stated that it was difficult to see the exact spread of the fire due to heavy smoke; however they could tell that the fire was progressing rapidly. At that time they identified a drainage area in the valley as the "trigger point", which Rogers explained was a term used to identify a progression point in a Wild land Fire where if reached by the fire, evacuation requests would be made. They then returned to the Denver Water Board property.

While speaking with Chief Rogers, I asked him if he knew of any Burn Permits in the NFFD district and he stated he did not. He went on to explain that Burn Permits are issued by the Jefferson County Health Department and signed off on by the Fire Department.

I also asked Chief Rogers if he had responded up to the area of the Reynolds Park Fire on March 23, 2012. He stated that he did and that he believed the fire cause included some type of human activity, although he could not specify exactly what had caused the fire. I asked him if he believed the LNF fire and the Reynolds Park fire could be linked and he stated that it was highly unlikely. Chief Rogers did not indicate that evidence of a campfire was found near the Reynolds Ranch Fire.

Chief Rogers was also asked if the NFFD had been dispatched to any smoke or fire investigation between March 23rd and March 26th. Chief Rogers recalled the Reynolds Park Fire as well as a smoke investigation call coming

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from the prescribed burn area on March 24th, 2012. He stated that they contacted the CSFS and were advised that the smoke coming from the burn area was well within the black.

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ROACH,DONALD

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Jefferson County Sheriff Office	12-8273	0005	04/09/2012	13:27

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1500/ROACH,DONALD	INVESTIGATIONS INTEL	1500

RMS Transfer	Prop Trans Stat	Approving Officer	Approval Date	Approval Time
Successful	Successful	0084	04/09/2012	13:42:03

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PHONE INTERVIEW WITH MICHAEL MULVANEY

On April 5, 2012, I conducted a phone interview with Michael Mulvaney, DOB/ [redacted], regarding a fire in Reynolds Ranch Open Space Park he had witnessed on March 23, 2012.

In speaking with Mulvaney, he stated that on March 23, 2012, he was hiking along Eagle View Trail, when he observed a fire in a dead tree and an approximately 20 foot and 60 foot area of grass burned out. Mulvaney hiked out of the area and drove to where he had cell phone coverage and called the JCSO Dispatch Center.

When Mulvaney contacted dispatch he stated that the call taker thought he was talking about the prescribed burn and he stated that it was not the same area.

I asked Mulvaney about his statement to the call taker that the he could see where there was a campfire. Mulvaney stated he saw what appeared to him as a fire ring made of rocks near the tree and he believed embers from that fire caused the tree to burn. He went on to say that he hikes the Eagle View Trail once a week and he did not see the rock ring there the week prior.

Mulvaney had no additional information regarding the incident and I ended the interview at that time.

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ROACH,DONALD

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Jefferson County Sheriff Office	12-8273	0006	04/09/2012	13:28

Member#/Dept ID#	Assignment	Entered by
1500/ROACH,DONALD	INVESTIGATIONS INTEL	1500

RMS Transfer	Prop Trans Stat	Approving Officer	Approval Date	Approval Time
Successful	Successful	0084	04/09/2012	13:43:09

Narrative

CBI ARSON TIP LINE FOLLOW UP

On March 29, 2012, I received an e-mail from CBI Fire Investigator Jerry Means regarding an Arson Hotline tip they had received on March 29, 2012, at 6:45 a.m.

The caller, who had identified himself as Bill Tyler, stated that he had a "hunch" about the cause of the Lower North Fork Fire. Further details sent in the e-mail by the call taker stated the caller had hunches about the cause of this fire, relating back to fires last year starting by the road sides from Parker Road south to Colorado Springs, and the fire last year in Boulder.

On March 31, 2012, I called Tyler and left him a voice mail with my contact information, so that I could speak with him regarding the Arson Hotline call.

On April 2, 2012, I received a phone call from Tyler on my department issued cell phone. In speaking to Tyler he stated that he had a "hunch" about several fires that had occurred in the last year along roadsides in Jefferson County as well as fires along Parker Road, all the way to Colorado Springs. Tyler went on to say that his "hunch" came from information he had gathered from watching the news, which indicated several fires had occurred along roadsides and appeared to be 15 minutes apart. As part of his "hunch" Tyler also mentioned the "large" fire in Jefferson County last year, which I took as the Indian Gulch Fire, as also having occurred on the roadside.

Tyler had no specific information in regards to locations, dates of fires or cause, but it was his belief that an individual was going around and lighting fires.

Of the fires mentioned by Tyler having occurred in Jefferson County "along the roadway", the cause was identified as a faulty catalytic converter. Other fires, including the Indian Gulch Fire the area of origin was identified as being off any major roadway. I have no knowledge of the fires along Parker Road.

At this time there is no addition follow up to be conducted regarding the information provided by Tyler.

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HERTEL,JASON

Administrative Information

Agency	Report No	Supplement No	Reported Date	Reported Time
Jefferson County Sheriff Office	12-8273	0007	04/11/2012	12:38

Member#/Dept ID#	Assignment	Entered by
1520/HERTEL,JASON	PATROL MOUNTAIN WATCH A	1520

RMS Transfer	Prop Trans Stat	Approving Officer	Approval Date	Approval Time
Successful	Successful	5040	04/11/2012	16:11:33

Narrative

On Monday March 26, 2012 at about 5:50 p.m I responded to the area of 14094 North Ranch Trail reference a forest fire on the home owner's property. There had been numerous reports of a large fire in the area and we were attempting home owner evacuations in the area.

Once in the area, there were numerous small spot ground fires and near zero visibility due to smoke, ash and fire embers. As Deputy Barnes and Deputy Chrachol assisted the home owner at 14094 North Ranch Trail, I attempted to evacuate homes on Eagle Vista Drive. At the intersection of Kuehster Road and Eagle Vista Drive, the fire was visibly in the trees and on the ground. Visibility was zero feet and the wind was blowing from the east at about 30 to 40 mph.

I then returned to 14094 North Ranch Trail to assist that homeowner who was attempting to save his live stock. After about 5 minutes, the home owner stated, "I'm not leaving, I've built this all by myself." We informed the homeowner that we could not make him leave but that due to our personal safety, we were going to evacuate the area.

At about 6:20 p.m., I got into my department vehicle and started back down Kuehster Road towards Pleasant Park Road. The visibility was again near zero due to smoke, ash and flames. I was the second vehicle in the group of four as we headed down Kuehster Road.

As we drove slowly down Kuehster, the wind driven smoke, ash and flames covered the road making navigation near impossible. With the zero visibility, I was only able to follow Deputy Breuning by seeing his overhead emergency lights at times. He was the lead car at this time.

Deputy Breuning drove off the road and into a ditch. I could no longer see his vehicle when this happened. I could no longer see the road when this happened. As I was attempting to find the roadway, I was only able to see the sides of the road and could tell I was at an intersection. I decided at this point to stop and wait for Deputy Breuning to return to my location and attempted to turn my patrol car around to head out of the fire and smoke. At that point, the visibility was zero with heavy smoke, ash and flames surrounding my vehicle. I heard Deputy Breuning say over the radio "I need help." At this point I asked Deputy Breuning if he could see my lights. He did not reply. Within about 1 minute, Deputy Charachol aired that he was on the road behind Deputy Breuning's location just to the right.

Deputy Barnes who was the third vehicle in the line then aired that we were cut off by the fire and we were returning to the North Ranch Trail area for safety.

All three vehicles and the four deputies were able to drive back to 14186 Kuehster Road and we parked in an open field at the residence. About 10 minutes later, Fire Department brush truck crew was able to reach our location. The decision was made to evacuate our location and drive back down Kuehster Road. The fire crew confirmed that the fire had pushed over the road at the location of my vehicle and the road was passable.
We then followed the brush truck back down Kuehster Road where the fire crew stopped at the intersection of Kuehster Road and Elk Ridge Road. The three Jefferson County vehicles continued down Kuehster Road safely.

I remained in the area and assisted with traffic control for the remainder of the evening. I was relieved from my

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location at about 11:30 p.m.

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13:59:09

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PHOTOLOG

DATE: March 30, 2012
ARRIVAL: Approximately 10:30 AM
CLEAR: Approximately 3:30 PM

LOCATION OF RESPONSE: Various locations, Jefferson County, Colorado

CAMERA: DIGITAL- Nikon D-60
START TIME: Approximately 10:46 AM
END TIME: Approximately 3:15 PM

PHOTO LOG
1. Case placard for 13579 Rocky Top Trail
2. 13579 Rocky Ridge Road
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6. 13579 Rocky Ridge Road
7. 13579 Rocky Ridge Road
8. Correction Placard for 13579 Rocky Ridge Road
9. Case placard for Rocky Top Trail - possibly 18776 Rocky Top Trail
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23. Property with above meter number on Rocky Top Trail
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25. Property with above meter number on Rocky Top Trail

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26. Property with above meter number on Rocky Top Trail
27. Property with above meter number on Rocky Top Trail
28. Property with above meter number on Rocky Top Trail
29. Property with above meter number on Rocky Top Trail
30. Property with above meter number on Rocky Top Trail
31. Property with above meter number on Rocky Top Trail
32. Case placard with above meter number
33. Case placard- unknown address on Rocky Top Trail with meter number 291 679/61534023
34. Property with above meter number on Rocky Top Trail
35. Meter at above property
36. Property with above meter number on Rocky Top Trail
37. Property with above meter number on Rocky Top Trail
38. Property with above meter number on Rocky Top Trail
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47. Placard for 13657 Rocky Top Trail
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94. Placard for outbuildings for 17986 Rocky Top Trail
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NARRATIVE:

On March 30, 2012, I received a request from Captain John Mayns to respond to the Incident Command Center for the Lower North Fork Fire, at the Conifer High School. At approximately 8:10 AM, I met with Captain Mayns at the Command Center. Captain Mayns asked that I contact Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Investigator Don Roach and work with him and West Metro Fire Rescue Lieutenant Bill Maron and Colorado Bureau of Investigation Agent and Arson Investigator Jerry Means in locating and photographing the various residences and outbuildings that had suffered damage in the Lower North Fork Fire.

I met with Investigator Roach, Lieutenant Maron and Agent Means at the Command Center. It was decided that Lieutenant Maron and I would start at one end of Kuehster Road and Agent Means would start at the other end and work our way toward each other. As we travelled these areas Investigator Roach asked that I take photographic documentation of the damaged structures and surrounding areas.

At approximately 10:46 AM, I began taking the above listed photographs of the structures and surrounding areas as requested. As I drove and stopped and took photographs of the area, Lieutenant Maron acted as navigator, locating the various properties on a map as much as possible. At some of the properties we were unable to locate any type of physical address and in the cases where electric meters were located, we documented the electric meter number, in the hopes of later being able to determine the physical address by cross referencing with Intermountain Rural Electric Association records. I completed taking the above listed photographs at approximately 3:15 PM. When completed I returned to the

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Incident Command Center and then to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, where I submitted the flashcard containing the above photographs to the Crime Lab for processing.

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REVIEW OF PRESCRIBED FIRE PLAN

On March 22, 2012, the Colorado State Forest Service conducted a Prescribed Burn on Denver Water Board property Unit #4, located off of Foxton Road.

As part of the investigation into the Lower North Fork Fire, I reviewed the procedures followed by the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) for this project, in comparison to the guidelines set forth in the National Wildfire Coordination Group (NWCG) Planning and Implementation Guide and the NWCG Prescribed Fire Complexity Rating System Guide.

At the time of the review I was unable to locate a copy of the 2002 NWCG Prescribed Fire Complexity Rating System Guide used in determining the complexity rating for the CSFS Lower North Fork project. Therefore, the complexity rating was compared to the 2004 NWCG Prescribed Fire Complexity Rating System Guide.

The following is a summary of the review:

Planning: The planning of the Lower North Fork (LNF) prescribed burn area was prepared in 2006 by James B. Webb, Forest Stewardship Concepts Ltd., a contracted company with the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS). A revision to the burn plan dated October 12, 2011, was reviewed and approved by CSFS District Forester Allen Gallamore and CSFS Area FMO Vaughn Jones as well as phone notifications to Tim Foley of the changes.

The original prescribed burn plan prepared in 2006 was approved on October 9, 2009. The prescribed burn plan shows that it is valid for 5 years after approval.

(Information regarding the prescribed burn plan review, recommendations and approval can be found on page 1.)

Objective: The objectives for the LNF prescribed burn area are to restore forest health and vigor and to reduce wildfire hazard.

(Objectives for the prescribed burn can be found on page 3)

Complexity Elements Worksheet: The prescribed fire complexity rating for the LNF prescribed burn project shows an overall rating of **Moderate.** It is unknown if the complexity rating was completed for the entire project or for each individual burn unit.

Of the 15 elements listed in the Prescribed Fire Complexity Rating Guide 13 area listed as moderate in the three categories of Risk, Potential Consequences and Technical Difficulty. One element, Fire Treatment Objectives is listed as High in only the risk category and one, Ignition Procedures/Methods is listed as low in all three categories.

The Fire Complexity Rating Rationale was not included in the prescribed burn plan, so I was unable to review the processes completed by the preparer when rating the 15 complexity elements.

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Notifications: The prescribed fire plan includes a notification list that includes local Law Enforcement Agencies, to include the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office as well as the surrounding Fire Protection Districts, including the North Fork Fire Department, Elk Creek Fire Department, and Inter-Canyon Fire Department, all of which incorporate or border the burn area.

Jefferson County Dispatch records show that on March 22, 2012, at about 7:23 a.m., the Sheriff's office was advised of the prescribed burn.

Also included in the notification is a Press Release sent created by the CSFS as well as Variable Messaging Signs (VMS) posted on S. Foxton Road and Platte River Road.

(Notifications can be found on pages 6 and 7 of the prescribed burn plan)

Smoke Management: The Smoke Permit for the Unit 4 project was obtained on or around January 23, 2012

(See Smoke Permit for details)

Workforce and Equipment Requirements: The workfore requirements for the prescribed burn met or exceeded the minimum requirements established in the Prescribed Fire Burn Plan.

See case report attachment Workfore Table for details.

Prescribed Fire Mop-Up Plan: The prescribed fire Mop-Up plan includes the Extended Mop-Up and Patrol Plan. This portion of the plan identifies "most prescribed burns do not escape on the day of ignition. They usually kick up **during a wind event a day or two following the burn** or creep underground or across the line in some dry organic material."

There is also a special wind note in the plan, which states "If high winds are predicted (CSFS personnel will be notified via radio or pager by NWS or Jeffco Dispatch) or are actually occurring in the area the RXB2/ICT4 will direct resources to focus mop-up efforts on the downwind edges of the unit(s).

The plan calls for Mop-Up activities to be conducted after burning activities as well as additional Mop-Up on the second day. Based on interviews conducted during the investigation, CSFS personnel conducted Mop-Up activities after the burn was conducted on March 22, 2012 as well as the following day on March 23, 2012. The mop-up was completed at a minimum of 2 chains in or 132 feet.

CSFS personnel then began patrol operation on March 24, 2012. On that day, light smoke was observed in the middle of the burn area, well within the "black" and no action was required.

On March 24, 2012, North Fork Fire Department received a smoke investigation call in the area. NFFD did not respond to the call after communications through JCSO Dispatch with the CSFS, in which it was determined, the smoke "well within the black" and was coming from the LNF burn area.

Patrol operations were not conducted on March 25, 2012, based on observations made on March 24, 2012.

CSFS personnel returned to the burn area on March 26, 2012, to continue patrol operations and collect fire suppression equipment left in the burn area.

Escaped Fire Analysis and Action Plan: The assessment made for an escaped fire in the burn area identified two scenarios.

1 = the burn escapes and is controlled within the general vicinity of the burn.

2 = the burn escapes and runs for a mile or more and threatens structures to the north and east of the burn area.

The analysis also identifies the threat to life and property, identifying that scenario 2 would result in a significant threat to structures.

The action plan identifies trigger mechanisms for an escaped fire. The first trigger mechanism states:

Any fire outside of the Maximum Manageable Area (MMA) that is not fully contained within 1 hour of discovery will

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be declared an escaped fire. Refer to LNF -Holding and Contingency Map for the MMA.

Based on interviews and radio and communications logs from the CSFS and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, CSFS personnel identified a "slop over" in the LNF burn area at approximately 1:40 p.m., and requested additional resources. At that time the fire was estimated at 2/10 of an acre. At 2:30 p.m., the fire had spread to approximately 5 acres and CSFS and initial responding fire personnel declared the fire as an escape.

Prescribed Fire Go/No-Go Checklist: The Go/No-Go checklist was completed on March 22, 2012 at 11:29 a.m., and signed by the Burn Boss, Ignition Specialist and Holding Specialist.

See attached Go/No-Go checklist for details.

Synopsis:

In my review of the Lower North Fork Prescribed Burn Plan, I was unable to find any deviations from the standards outlined in the NWCG Prescribed Fire Planning and Procedures Guide.

I also found that the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) followed or exceeded the requirements outlined in the Prescribed Burn Plan while conducting the prescribed burn for unit #4 on March 22, 2012.

On the date of the prescribed burn the CSFS exceeded the recommended requirements for personnel and equipment needed for the prescribed burn. After conducting the burn, they conducted mop-up operations and did additional mop-up on March 23, 2012, to a distance of approximately 200 feet into the burn area.

The burn area was patrolled on March 24, 2012, at which time smoke was identified as coming from well inside the burn area. The standard procedure for a prescribed burn is to create perimeter with no or minimal organic fuels around the body of the burn area. After the ignition of the unit, mop-up will be conducted to create a deeper perimeter and the center of the burn area will be left to burn out on its own, which will create smoke from inside the area.

On Sunday March, 25, 2012, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Fire weather watch for 216, which included the LNF burn area. Based on RAWS and spot weather data, along with interviews conducted during the investigation, this was the first time adverse conditions were broadcast.

On March 26, 2012, at about 10:30 a.m., CSFS returned to the burn area to monitor the burn as well as retrieve suppression equipment from the area. It is at that time that small spot fires and the "slop over" occurred.

There was no information discovered during the investigation that indicated any persons or entity involved in the prescribed burn deviated from standard practice or violated any applicable state statute.

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PRESCIRIBED FIRE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TABLE

The below table is an attachment for supplemental report #9

Personnel	**Recommended**	**Actual**
Burn Boss	1 RXB2	1 RXB2 and 1 trainee
Ignition Specialist	1 RXI2/FIRB	1 RXI2
Holding Specialist	1	1
Firing Crew	3 FFT2+	5 FFT2
Holding Crew/Squads	(5) FFT1 & 4 FFT2	20 person Swift Crew, 15 person CSFS crew, JCSO Fuels Crew and 6 Jeffco Open Space Rangers
Engine Crew	(12) 4 ENGB + 8 FFT 2	As required
PIO	1	1 available
FEMO	1 (optional)	1
Lookout/Smoke Monitor	2	As required
Equipment		
Engines	3 Type VI (min)	5 Type 6, 1 Type 7, 1 Type 4
Misc. Vehicles	3 SUV or Pickup	3
ATV’s	2 (optional)	1 UTV, JCSO ATV

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VERIFIED DAMAGED/DESTROYED RESIDENCES

On March 30, 2012, CBI Special Agent Fire Investigator Jerry Means and West Metro Fire Department Lieutenant Bill Maron checked each of the address on the original list and verified that the residence was damaged or destroyed in a manner consistent with the path of the Lower North Fork Fire. The above listed addresses were confirmed as having been damaged or destroyed by the fire. There is no evidence any of the structures were lost from another fire event. The below listed residences were identified as being damaged or destroyed by the Lower North Fork Fire.

14409 Eagle Vista Dr.
14419 Eagle Vista Dr

14201 Broadview Cir.
14141 Broadview Cir.

17051 Elk Ridge Rd.
17050 Elk Ridge Rd.
17020 Elk Ridge Rd.
16950 Elk Ridge Rd.
17000 Elk Ridge Rd.

13579 Rocky Ridge

17986 Rocky Top Trail
18006 Rocky Top Trail
18516 Rocky Top Trail
18656 Rocky Top Trail
18726 Rocky Top Trail
18776 Rocky Top Trail

17223 Arrowhead Springs Trail
17254 Arrowhead Springs Trail

13637 Kuehster Rd.
13647 Kuehster Rd.
13657 Kuehster Rd.
13801 Huehster Rd. (Historic Lamb Schoolhouse)
13807 Kuehster Rd.

The Sheriff's Office initially identified 25 residences as having been damaged or destroyed by the fire. It is unknown what methods were used to obtain develop the list.

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The following addresses from the original list had either no damage to any structures on the property or the address could not be found.

13097 Arrowhead Springs Trail - Unknown/Erroneous address
13697 Arrowhead Springs Trail - Unknown/Erroneous address
13707 Arrowhead Springs Trail - This is the bran for the Flickin property at 17051 Elk Ridge Rd.

It was also reported that 14440 Eagle Vista Drive had been destroyed by fire. This information was reported through a 911 call by the homeowner Edgar Simpson. It was also reported by the Colorado Division of Emergency Management; however investigators found no fire damage at the residence, which was later verified by the homeowner.

The addresses and GPS reference point taken by investigators during their damage assessment were forwarded to the Jefferson County Assessors Office for verification with their records. The Assessors office verified the addresses and provided me with the assessed value for each home. Based on the assessed value for each residence the total loss for residences is $11,333,260.00.

The total loss value provided is for residences only and does not include any out buildings or other items of value within the residence to include vehicles.

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Successful	Successful	0084	04/17/2012	12:38:12

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WEATHER DATA REVIEW

As part of the investigation into the Lower North Fork Fire, I conducted a review of the weather information available for Area 216 from the National Weather Service, to include Spot Weather Forecasts for the Lower North Fork Prescribed Burn, Area Forecast discussions, Fire Weather Planning Forecasts and Fire Watch and red Flag Advisories.

In reviewing the weather data, I observed Spot Weather Forecast requests for the Lower North Fork prescribed burn on March 18th, 22nd and 23rd. The Spot Weather forecast information was obtained through RMACC online services. The Spot Weather Forecasts showed RH percentages between 16% and 45%, with wind directions changing from the southwest at 20 mph in the early morning to north/northwest at 7 mph in the late morning and afternoon.

Spot Weather Forecast requested for March 22, 2012, between 9:00 a.m., and 8:00 p.m., while the prescribed burn was preformed, showed the RH between 25% and 39% with north/northeast wind between 3-10 mph.

Forecasts for March 23, 2012, during mop-up operations showed the RH to be between 17% and 40% with winds from the southeast and southwest between 2 and 7 mph.

I also reviewed the NWS Area Forecast discussions. In reviewing the forecast discussions for March 20th through March 24th, 2012, I did not see any concerns about the weather conditions in the Lower North Fork burn area.

On March 25, 2012, The NWS introduces a Fire Weather Watch for the foothills below 7000 feet, but not in zone 216. Additional weather discussions on the 25th, show high winds are expected for Monday (March 26, 2012), with high to extreme fire danger developing. The discussion also indicates a Red Flag warning in place for the 26th.

In reviewing the Fire Weather Messages, I observed the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch for areas in Jefferson County below 6000 feet on March 24, 2012, at about 2:09 p.m. AT 9:34 p.m., the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch for area216, where the Lower North Fork prescribed burn area is located.

On March 25, 2012, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning for area 216.

Based on the documents provided by the NWS, there was no data showing the wind event that occurred on March 26, 2012, prior to March 24, 2012, and all Fire Weather watches and Red Flag Warnings were issued on or after the date of the prescribed burn.

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Prescribed Burn Timeline

02-09-12 - Press Release by CSFS regarding Prescribed burn

03-15-12 - Signing regarding Prescribed Burn placed in area

03-19-12 - Started and completed the black line for the scheduled prescribed burn. 100% mopped up

03-20-12 - CSFS Crews in to check black line and set up hose lays for Prescribed Burn

03-21-12 - Patrolled DWB property before Prescribed Burn

03-22-12 - Prescribed Burn Conducted.
0900 - Briefing at Reynolds Park
1129 - Go/No-Go checklist completed and signed
1130 - 1930 - Burn/Mop Up conducted

03-23-12 - Mop Up completed and burn monitored

03-24-12 - Area patrolled by Kevin Michalak - 2 smokes in interior, stated burn was cold but not out

03-25-12 - No Activity

03-26-12 - Michalak and crew (Ryan Cox and Robert N.) at Prescribed Burn area to monitor and retrieve equipment

12:30 - Michalak sees spots and "duffers" within burn area and begin suppression efforts.
13:30 - Michalak observed a large amount of smoke on the north side of the unit.
13:40 - Michalak radios CSFS Golden office regarding a slop over.

The above timeline regarding the prescribed burn was created through witness interviews and the Colorado State Forest Service Communications Log.

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FIRE TIME LINE

The fire timeline for March 26, 2012, was created from the following records:

Colorado State Forest Service Incident Communication/Activity Log
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office 911 recordings
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Fire and Law Enforcement Radio Traffic
Investigative Interviews

1340 - CSFS Michalak notifies Golden District Office of a "slop over" in Lower North Fork burn area

1350 - CSFS estimates fire at 1.5 acres

1351 - Elk Creek Fire Department dispatched to 13589 Callae Rd. for a smoke Investigation

1400-1403 - JCSO Dispatch tones NFFD and ECFD for assistance with fire in LNF

1412 - JCSO Dispatch advises 1 acre with low spread potential

1428 - 1201 requests second tone fire at about 5 acres

1431 - Inter-Canyon Fire Department dispatched to 13007 Kuehster Rd on a smoke investigation

1438 - North Fork Fire Chief requests type 3 overhead team

1500 - 1640 - Inter-Canyon Firefighter Brutout deploys to Kuehster Rd. - Fire in the valley. Winds are heavy.

1534 - NFFD states fire is 10-15 acres.

1641 - Fire crossed the drainage and making a major run. Evacuations requested for Kuehster Rd.

1701 - North Fork Fire advises fire at 100+ acres. Running crown fire.

1712 - North Fork Chief Rogers estimates within 2 hours structures will be threatened

1714 - Inter-Canyon requests evacuation on Kuehster Rd.

1732 - Inter-Canyon 612 advises that they are loosing structures south end of Kuehster Rd.

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1747 - Inter-Canyon 612 advises head of fire is south of Elk Ridge Rd/Kuehster Rd.

1749 - JCSO Dispatch airs call to 14094 North Trail Cir. - Driveway on fire

1750 - 1810 Deputy Bruening and Hertel drive to Eagle Vista and Kuehster see visible Fire in the trees and head north.

1809 - Inter-Canyon multiple structures lost at end of Kuehster Rd.

1835-1839 - Inter-Canyon Fire structures on Rocky Top Trail fully involved.

1838 - 155 advises dispatch via CAD that flames within 400 feet of structure at 18475 S. Platte River Rd.

1843 - 911 call from resident at 14419 Eagle Vista Dr. - Structure on fire.

2017 - Inter-Canyon 651 residence at 14141 Broadview Cir. total loss.

2133 - Inter-Canyon 651 checks structure at 14409 Eagle Vista Dr. - locates body of Linda Lucas. Structure is lost.

The information listed above was derived from various sources to assist with determining the spread of the fire. The times obtained during witness interviews are approximated.

At 1340 hours, the CSFS identified the "slop over" and at 1350 estimated the size of the fire to be approximately 1.5 acres. Responding units from Elk Creek Fire Department and North Fork Fire Department are advised by JCSO Dispatch that the fire is 1 acre with a low spread potential. Upon the arrival of NFFD Chief Curt Rogers at about 1428, it was reported the fire had spread to 5 acres. The next estimate on the spread of the fire came at approximately 1534, where Rogers reports the fire is at 10-15 acres.

At 1701, Rogers reports the fire is at 100 + acres and has transitioned to a running crown fire. An Inter-Canyon Firefighter positioned on Kuehster Rd., airs at 1732, "loosing structures", which was later determined during an interview to be structures, south of Broadview Cir. The fire then traveled northwest along Kuehster Rd. At 1835 Inter-Canyon Firefighters advise that the structures on Rocky Top Trail are fully involved in fire.

The fire continued to travel in a northwest direction along Kuehster Road, with some spot fires on the north side of Kuehster Rd. Fire spread also affected areas east of the south end of Kuehster Rd.

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INTERVIEWS WITH KIRK WILL

During the investigation into the Lower North Fork Fire, I spoke several times with Colorado State Forest Service Assistant District Forester Kirk Will to identify and clarify documents obtained regarding the prescribed fire. Will was also interviewed by me and BLM Special Agent Shannon Tokos on March 29, 2012. That interview is documented in the BLM Origin and Cause Investigation report.

In the subsequent conversations Will and I went over the personnel, equipment and assignment diagram included in the Incident Action Plan (IAP) for the prescribed burn on March 22, 2012. That information was included in my review for the prescribed burn.

I also spoke to Will about obtaining information from a CSFS "Hobo" weather station that is positioned neared Unit 4. Will stated there were problems accessing the data from the station and they were unable to download the data.

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INTERVIEW WITH ROCCO SNART

On April 5, 2012, I conducted an interview with Jefferson County Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Rocco Snart regarding the Colorado State Forest Service prescribed fire at the Lower North Fork unit #4., starting on March 22, 2012.

In speaking with Snart, he stated on March 22, 2012, he and the Jefferson County Fuels Mitigation Crew assisted with the prescribed fire with the Colorado State Forest Service. On that day Snart was assigned as the safety officer for the burn. Along with Snart and the JCSO Fuels Crew there were approximately 6 Open Space Park Rangers at the burn for an annual wild land refresher training.

Snart stated that the briefing for the burn was conducted at 9:00 a.m., and he remained in the area until approximately 7:30. There were no problems encountered during burn and mop-up operations.

I asked Snart if there were adequate resources on scene during the burn and he stated there were "more than enough" resources on scene.

Snart stated he had no additional involvement with the operation but the JCSO Fuels Crew did assist with mop-up operation on March 23, 2012, and that he was advised that mop-up was completed and a 200 foot "cold black" line was created. On April 12, 2012, I spoke with Snart a second time regarding the black line procedures.

Snart went on to explain that normal procedures for a prescribed burn is to create a black line or "cold black" line, along with hand lines in certain area to eliminate organic fuels that could cause fire spread. After ignition occurs and the black line and /or hand lines area created, the interior of the burn area is left to burn itself out to eliminate ground fuels. Snart went on to say it is not uncommon for there to be continued smoke from the burn area as fuels continue to burn on the interior.

On March 25, 2012, Snart was advised of a fire watch in the area of the prescribed burn and sent the information to CSFS personnel via text message. Snart sent out another text on March 26, 2012, at about 10:00 a.m., when he was advised of a Red Flag warning for the area.

I asked Snart if there was anything in the extended forecast prior to the 26th indicating high winds or a Red Flag Warning and he stated there was not.

I then asked Snart about his actions on March 26, 2012 when the fire had been declared an escape. Snart stated he was in his office when he received a phone call from Kirk Will regarding a "slop over" at the Lower North Fork burn area. Snart assisted with coordinating additional resources from North Fork Fire Department, Elk Creek Fire Department and the JCSO Fuels Crew. As more resources became needed he assisted with coordinating the additional crew requests.

Snart then spoke about fire behavior and the conditions regarding the "slop over". Snart stated some of the fuels in the burn area were delignified, which he described as natural fuels that have reached maximum moisture

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capacity, for about 5 years. With the type of fuels in the area, the wind direction and the slope of the terrain and the radiant heat from the outside temperature created ideal conditions for heated lightweight fuels to be blown from the interior of the burn area into an unsecured area.

Snart also stated he conducted a computer model to identify the speed of the fire using estimated fuel levels, wind speed and other identified factors, including the area of burn. The speed model put the speed of the Lower North Fork Fire between 160-200 feet/minute.

On April 12, 2012, I spoke with Snart a second time regarding the black line process as well as certain burn and fire behaviors. During the interview Snart explained that prior to conducting a prescribed burn, where the terrain is appropriate a perimeter is burned around the unit to consume the ground fuels and prevent the interior fire from escaping. The ground fuels are burnt to the soil, or depending on the types of fuel and their depth, burnt until their top layer(s) are burnt to a white ash. The fuels underneath the white ash layer may not be completely consumed, but they lack the required heat and oxygen to sustain open flame.

Snart stated that there is a possibility that during the wind event on March 26, 2012, at the Lower North Fork burn area, some lower level fuels could have existed in the black line areas, could have reheated after the white ash layer was blown off.

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INTERVIEW WITH SCOTT HALLADAY

On April 09, 2012, I conducted an interview with Scott Halladay, JCSO Fuels Crew Supervisor, regarding his response to the Lower North Fork Fire, as well as his duties during the prescribed burn on March 22, 2012.

Halladay stated that on March 22, 2012, he assisted with the prescribed burn on the Denver Water Board Property. On that day, Halladay and members of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Fuels crew were assigned as holding resources for the prescribed burn. Halladay stated there were no issues on the day of the burn and that there were plenty of resources available to handle any spot fires or escapes.

I asked Halladay if he had attended a briefing on March 22, 2012, which he stated he did. I also asked him if the briefing included an update on the weather forecast and he stated it did and there were no projected weather issues for the day of the burn.

Halladay stated when they arrived at the burn area the holding crews were briefed and given areas of assignments. When the holding crew assigned to the southeast portion of the burn area reviewed their area, they requested that additional tress be removed and the hand line be improved to better secure the area. After the work on the southeast portion was completed the ignition of the burn began.

Halladay remained at the burn area until about 7:30 p.m., and assisted with initial mop-up after burning. Halladay stated the burn area was mopped-up ½ to 1 chain in on the bottom portion of the burn unit and deeper in other areas.

Halladay and the JCSO Fuels Crew returned to the burn unit on March 23, 2012, and assisted with continued mop-up.

I asked Halladay, who had been involved in fire mitigation work for more than 12 years about prescribed fires. He explained that fire is a natural requirement to promote the natural growth of the forest. Prescribed fires also remove dangerous ground fuels and the growth of small vegetation that can lead to fire growth in the event of a fire in the area.

I also asked Halladay about how prescribed fires are conducted and he stated that when a prescribed fire plan is implemented crews initially develop a boundary or perimeter around the burn unit either by black lining or by hand lines and the removal of potential hazards, or by hose lines. Onces holding crews are stationed the ignition of the fuels begin. Once the burn area is burnt through, crews create a larger perimeter in mop-up, removing identifiable hot spots and heat sources from the perimeter. The interior of the unit is left to burn itself out by consuming the available fuels with fire.

I also spoke with Halladay regarding his response to the "slop over" fire in the burn area on March 26, 2012. Halladay stated when he arrived in the area at about 2:30 p.m., he estimated the fire to be about 10 acres, and that it grew to about 35 acres by about 3:30 p.m. He estimated the winds to be between 18-20 mph, with gusts to

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35 mph.

When he arrived on scene he met with the incident commander and they began initial attack, but were unsuccessful in getting the fire controlled.

Halladay remained on scene until they were instructed to leave the burn area for safety reasons and have resources meet at Reynolds Ranch to be deployed elsewhere.

On April 12, 2012, I spoke with Halladay a second time regarding the fire. While I was speaking with Hallday he told me that while they were on scene at the fire in the burn unit, he and his crew were being hit with "golf ball" sized embers from the interior of the burn unit.

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INTERVIEW WITH MICHAEL THAYER

On April 12, 2012, I conducted an interview with Michael Thayer, with the Jefferson County Fuels Crew, regarding the Lower North Fork Fire.

In speaking with Thayer he stated that on March 22, 2012, he and other members of the Jefferson County Fuels Crew assisted the Colorado State Forest Service with a prescribed burn on Denver Water Board property. On that date, Thayer and other Fuels Crew members met with personnel working the prescribed burn for a 9:00 a.m., briefing at Reynolds Park. The briefing detailed member's assignments, safety and weather information for the area.

After the briefing personnel assigned to the holding crews had an additional briefing as well as individual squad briefings. Thayer and his squad then assisted the "Juniper Valley" crews assigned to the southeast portion of the burn unit with solidifying the perimeter but removing some trees and improving the hand line. Once the southeast perimeter was improved crews initiated the burn. Thayer stated they completed the burn and began initial mop-up of the unit to a depth of approximately ½ to 1 chain in and there was "no doubt" the line was "cold."

Thayer stated as part of his mop-up duties he moved some of the heavier fuels that were burning away from the black line into the interior.

I asked Thayer if there were any issues on the date of the burn and he stated there were none reported on the day of the burn as well as on March 19, 2012, when he assisted with the black lining of the unit.

Thayer went on to say he and the Fuels Crew had returned to the unit on March 23, 2012, to conduct mop-up operations. Thayer stated he was assigned to an engine crew working the top half of the unit. Mop-up was completed to approximately 2 chains and they had used a "significant" amount of water on the area.

Thayer stated there were no significant winds on either day and there were no weather watches for those days and none in the "futures."

On March 26, 2012, Thayer and the Fuels Crew were working on another project when they were asked to assist with a "slop over" in the Lower North Fork burn area. They responded with a Type 6 engine to the area and arrived around 2:30 p.m. When they arrived he observed spot fires on the ridge along the northwest side as well as a 1/4 acre slop over on the northeast side. There were also spot fires inside of the burn unit.

Thayer stated while he was on scene they were being hit by "large" embers coming up from 400 feet inside the interior of the burn unit due to the strong winds. Thayer stated at one point the winds blew his helmet 30 feet down the hill. Thayer and other responding personnel tended to the spot fires and then attempted to run a hose line down the northeast side of the fire.

During the interview Thayer showed me a video he had taken at about 6:00 p.m., while in the burn area. The video showed the wind conditions at the time as well as the heavy smoke caused by the fire. Thayer later

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e-mailed me the video, which was copied to a CD and placed into evidence.

Thayer had no additional information regarding the fire and the interview was concluded.

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INTERVIEW WITH SCOTT COMPERTORE

On April 12, 2012, I conducted an interview with Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Fuels Crew members Scott Compertore regarding his response to the Lower North Fork Fire on March 26, 2012, as well as his involvement in the prescribed burn.

Compertore stated the JCSO Fuels Crew assisted the Colorado State Forest Service with the prescribed burn for Unit #4 of the Denver Water Board property starting on March 19, 2012. On that day Compertore and other personnel conducted a black line operation along the top portion of the unit. According to him the burn went as planned and there was only one small spot fire in the interior of the unit, leaving a solid cold black line.

On March 22, 2012, Compertore and the fuels crew assisted CSFS with the prescribed burn for Unit #4. Compertore attended the morning briefing held at Reynolds Park, which included a weather briefing for the day. Compertore stated the weather conditions were all within the parameters of the burn plan.

Compertore and other personnel initially worked on securing the southeast perimeter of the burn area by removing hazards and improving the hand line and remained as a holding resource for that area until his squad was moved to the northwest side. There were no noted issues regarding the burn.

Compertore returned to the burn unit on March 23, 2012, and did not recall any issues.

On March 26, 2012, Compertore responded to the burn area to assist with the "slop over." When they arrived he estimated the burn to be about 5 acres and observed "spotting" along the road as they drove to the east. While in the area he checked the wind conditions using the wind meter from a Belt Weather Kit, which showed the winds to be sustained at 10-15 mph, with gusts to 30 mph. He also stated that because of the winds he had to use the chin strap on his helmet to keep it from blowing off. Compertore stated they were being hit by "golf ball" size embers from the burn unit.

Compertore then began suppression efforts with other personnel on scene. His efforts included digging lines around spot fires and running a hose line down the northeast end of the fire. While running the hose line Compertore observed the fire start to creep around them.

Compertore had no additional information regarding the fire and the interview was completed.

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REYNOLDS PARK CAMP FIRE

On March 26, 2012, I was asked to assist and coordinate the origin and cause investigation into the Lower North Fork Fire (LNF). As part of that investigation I reviewed information regarding a reported unattended campfire in the area of Reynolds Park.

On March 23, 2012, at about 1:50 p.m., the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office received a report of an unattended campfire in the area of Reynolds Park, which is located at 14070 Foxton Road. Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputies Brian Spery and Ronnie Newman were dispatched along with personnel and equipment from the North Fork Fire Department and Elk Creek Fire Department.

According to Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) records, the reporting party saw fire in the trees on the ridge of Eagle View Trail, approximately 1 to 1 ½ miles up from the Reynolds Park Parking Lot. As deputies arrived in the area, they did not observe any visible smoke. Deputy Spery continued up Eagle View Trail. At 2:44 p.m., Deputy Spery advised JCSO Dispatch that he had located 1 burnt tree, 1 burnt stump and no active flames, with less than 1 acre burnt. Deputy Spery stated the winds were low blowing east to west. Law Enforcement resources remained on scene until 4:50 p.m.

A further review of the CAD notes from fire personnel showed that the fire was identified as a smoldering and creeping, surrounded by trails on 3 sides with a low spread potential. At 4:33 p.m., JCSO Dispatch was advised the fire was contained and fire crews were continuing mop up (extinguishing). At 5:43 p.m., the fire was contained and no crews were being left on scene. On march 24, 2012, at 10:47 a.m., Elk Creek Fire Department personnel advised JCSO Dispatch the fire was out.

On March 31, 2012, I spoke with Deputy Spery, who had responded to the Reynolds Park Fire. Deputy Spery stated that when he arrived to the area he walked up the trail about 2 miles from the parking lot. At that point he observed a "snag", which he described as a burnt tree that had fallen, but no visible flames. Deputy Spery also advised that the wind was blowing from the east to the west.

In reviewing the information regarding the Reynolds Park Fire in relation to the Lower North Fork Fire it was determined that the following factors eliminated the Reynolds Ranch Fire from consideration in regards to the origin and cause of the LNF Fire.

-**Distance and Location:** Reynolds Park is located approximately 2.5 miles north west of the identified area of origin on Foxton Road. The area of the Reynolds Park Fire was an additional 1 ½ to 2 miles west of the Reynolds Park parking on Foxton Road.

-**Wind Direction:** The wind direction at the time of the Reynolds Park Fire would have pushed the fire in the opposite direction.

-**Fire response:** The Reynolds Ranch fire was determined to be out on March 24, 2012, by Elk Creek Fire

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Department personnel.

-**Burn Patterns:** There were no burn areas or patterns linking the Reynolds Park Fire with the LNF Fire.

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PHONE INTERVIEW WITH CANDI VALLADO

On April 3, 2012, I received a phone call from Colorado State Forest Service District Forester Allen Gallamore, who stated his office had received a phone call from a Candi Vallado, regarding a fire at Reynolds Park on March 22, 2012. Forester Gallamore provided me with contact information of Vallado.

I contacted Vallado by phone regarding the fire and she stated that on March 22, 2012, at about 3:00 p.m., she and a friend were hiking on Eagle View Train, when two guys came down the trail and said there was a fire. Vallado did not see any visible flame. When they got to the area she described as Eagle View #1, they stopped and ate lunch. At that time a second couple came down the trail and said that there was a fire up on the trail.

Vallado and her friend continued hiking on the trail towards the area she described as Eagle View West. When the reached the promontory, they observed logs, stumps, pine straw and mulch on fire. She estimated the fire to be approximately ½ acre in size with active flames. She and "the kid" began to try and extinguish the fire using logs to drag snow to the burn area. She and "the kid" remained at the fire until approximately 6:30 p.m., thinking that the other hikers had called for a fire response. Since it was getting dark, Vallado and her friend hiked out of the park and then called the Sheriff's Office at about 7:30 p.m., to report the fire.

The following day Vallado contacted the Open Space Ranger to ask about the fire and learned that there was no response by fire of law enforcement personnel.

I advised Vallado that Fire and law Enforcement personnel had received a call about the fire on March 23, 2012 and responded. Information obtained from responding individuals indicated the fire was the result of an unattended campfire.

Vallado stated there was no evidence of a campfire when she was there and that if people thought the logs in the area were a campfire, she and "the kid" had moved them there. She went on to say the logs looked as they had burned for a while.

I asked Vallado what she thought caused the fire and she stated she "believes it was Lower North Fork fire debris that started the Reynolds Park Fire.

I had previously examined any possible links between the Reynolds Park Fire and the Lower North Fork Fire and identified the fires as being separate events. The reasoning for my findings were based on the distance, wind direction and the fact that there was no other affected area between the two locations.

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PHONE INTERVIEW WITH DAVE BRUTOUT

On April 4th and April 5th, 2012, I conducted phone interviews with Inter-Canyon Firefighter Dave Brutout regarding his activities during the Lower North Fork Fire. The following is a synopsis of the interviews.

Brutout explained that on the morning of March 26, 2012, he had received two pages regarding the Lower North Fork Fire. One of the pages stated the fire was 1 acre with a slow spread rate and the second stated the fire was 3-5 acres.

At about 2:31 p.m., he heard the page for Inter-Canyon Fire to response to 13007 Kuehster Road on a smoke check. While he was in route to the Firehouse, he heard the responding unit go in service and then clear the scene after confirming the smoke was coming from the Lower North Fork Fire. Considering the time of day and weather conditions Brutout continued to Kuehster Rd. in his personal vehicle to check on the fire.

Brutout estimated he arrived to the area of Kuehster Rd at about 3:00 p.m., at which time he noticed the fire was lower in the valley and the weather conditions were changing. At about 3:20 Brutout spoke with residents on Arrowhead Springs Trail about the fire and recommended that they evacuate. Brutout recalled a conversation he had with a female resident, in which she asked how long it would be before the fire came through and he replied that it could be two days or two hours. He stated he recalled this conversation because the fire came through the area about 2 hours later. He estimated he was on Arrowhead Springs Trail for approximately 20-25 minutes, and then proceeded to Elk Ridge Rd. At about 4:09 p.m., he called Inter-Canyon Fire Captain Moore and spoke with him regarding his activities.

Brutout stated that he had spoke with Sam Lucas and advised him that he needed to evacuate the area sometime between 4:00 p.m., and 4:20 p.m. At about 4:16 p.m., Brutout called the Elk Creek Fire Department regarding the fire.

At about 4:20 p.m., Brutout began door to door evacuation for residences in the area of Kuehster Rd.

I asked Brutout what the weather conditions were while he was on Kuehster Rd., and he stated the winds were steady at about 60-65 mph, with gusts up to 90 mph. While describing the wind he stated that it was "blowing his helmet off."

I also asked Brutout to provide an estimated time frame the fire came up to Kuehster Rd. He believed the fire reached the area around 4:45 p.m., and that it came into the area in 4 or 5 different waves up the valley and each wave was further north than the last, with the last run near Rocky Top Trail around 5:45 p.m.

Brutout stated that except for the phone calls he made from his cell phone the times provided were estimates and not exact.

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LOWER NORTH FORK FIRE
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

On March 26, 2012, at about 1:51 p.m., the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center received a call for a smoke investigation from a resident at 13598 Callae Ct. Dispatch tone the Elk Creek Fire Department, who responded along with Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy Michael Sensanso. It was determined the visible smoke was coming from the area of the Colorado State Forest Service prescribed burn on the Denver Water Board property.

At about the same time CSFS Assistant District Forester Kirk Will called Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Rocco Snart to advise him of a "slop over" fire in the Lower North Fork (LNF) prescribed burn area and request additional resources.

As fire personnel from the North Fork Fire Department and the Elk Creek Fire Department were responding they were advised the fire was about 1 acre in size with a "low spread potential." Upon the arrival of NFFD Fire Chief Curt Rogers, JCSO Dispatch was advised the fire had grown to 5 acres.

At 2:31 p.m., Inter-Canyon Fire was dispatched to a smoke investigation at 13007 Kuehster Road. Upon the arrival of ICFD it was determined that the smoke seen by the resident was also coming from the LNF fire.

Several additional 911 calls came into the Jefferson County Dispatch Center regarding visible smoke came into dispatch following the initial 911 call at 1:51 p.m.

Between 3:00 p.m., and 4:40 p.m., Inter-Canyon Firefighter Dave Brutout responds to the area of Kuehster Road to assess the fire. While he is on scene the firefighter observes heavy winds and notices the fire is in the valley. He then begins contacting residents along Kuehster Road advising them to evacuate the area. At about 4:20 p.m., the firefighter speaks with Sam Lucas and advises him to evacuate. The firefighter also goes to 14141 Broadview Circle to contact the residents. He discovers a chain across the driveway and a heavy canopy of tress overhead and a number of pieces of heavy machinery along the road. For safety reasons the firefighter does not attempt to access the driveway to the residence.

At 3:34 p.m., NFFD Chief Rogers advises dispatch the fire is approximately 10-15 acres. Subsequent radio traffic indicates Incident Command has identified "trigger points", which are geographic locations identified by on scene personnel for when/if a wildfire reaches the location evacuations will be requested. In the case of the LNF Fire the "trigger point" was a drainage area between the downward slope of the Denver Water Board property and the up sloping ridge on the other side.

At about 4:41 p.m., JCSO Dispatch is advised through Elk Creek Fire Department that the fire had crossed the drainage and was making a "major run" and that evacuations are needed for Kuehster Road. At 4:54 Dispatch is again advised of the order to initiate evacuation on Kuehster Road. At 5:01 p.m., NFFD advises the LNF Fire has transitioned from a ground fire with tree torching to a 100 plus acre running ground fire. Around 5:32 p.m., ICFD

advises they are losing structures on Kuehster Road. Based on interviews of fire personnel, it is believed that the fire first hit the residences on the south end of Kuehster Road and then moved north, destroying residences along the way.

Between 6:35 and 6:39 p.m., ICFD advises structures on Rocky Top Trail are fully involved. Just prior to that, Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy David Bruening, who is in the area assisting with evacuations, advises dispatch he is trapped and had driven his vehicle off the road.

March 27, 2012, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office requested independent investigators conduct the origin and cause investigation. A request is sent to BLM Special Agent Shannon Tokos to lead the investigative team.

On March 28, 2012, BLM Special Agent Tokos along with U.S. Forest Service Special Agent Brenda Shultz and BLM Ranger Troy Schnurr arrived at the ICP for a briefing. Investigators also began their interviews as part of the investigation.

On March 29th and 30th, investigators conducted the origin and cause investigation and related interviews.

The findings of the Origin and Cause Investigative Team listed the cause of the fire as Debris Burnings and stated the following.

Wildfires in this category include fires started by either creeping escapes or windblown embers from trash barrels, small piles of yard debris such as pine needles or leaves, stubble field burns, slash piles or any other controlled burning. On occasion, debris burning activity may not be apparent as the wildfire may have started from a source some distance away or was kindled by a holdover from a pile originally burned days or even weeks before.

The specific origin area, which was located in a saddle along the ridgeline northeast of the prescribed burn in Unit 4, showed evidence of ignition from multiple windblown embers. Investigators identified several cold embers within the specific origin area that would have been competent ignition sources on the day that the Lower North Fork Fire ignited. However, due to the amount of disturbance to the specific origin area resulting from the suppression effort and wind event, investigators could not be certain that the embers had not been disturbed.

In general, research has shown that most windblown embers will self-extinguish after about 40 feet. However, exceptions to this rule occur when the firebrand is thick, wind speeds are high, or the source of fire was large enough to create a convection column that provides lift to increase lateral travel. Investigators believe that most, if not all three of these exceptions are applicable to the Lower North Fork Fire.

In summary, it is the finding of the Origin and Cause Investigation Team that the Lower North Fork Fire ignited on Monday, 03/26/12 at approximately 1340 hours from lightweight, windblown embers from a prescribed burn that was ignited the previous Thursday (03/22/12) by the Colorado State Forest Service.

Investigative activities determined that the prescribed burn was not completely extinguished on 03/26/12, and heavy winds carried embers from the southeast side of the saddle to the northeast side of the road running along the ridgeline, which was the boundary line for Unit 4 of the prescribed burn. The embers landed in unburnt fuels along the edge of the road, igniting the Lower North Fork Fire.

On March 30, 2012, CBI Agent Jerry Means and West Metro Fire Investigator Lt. Bill Maron conducted a check of residences indentified by law enforcement and fire personnel as being damaged or destroyed by the fire. The investigators identified 23 residences that were damaged or destroyed by the fire. All of the damaged/destroyed residences were in the path of the Lower North Fork Fire.

After the on scene origin and cause determination was completed Investigator Roach began his investigation into any possible negligence regarding the prescribed burn.

A review of the prescribed Burn Plan and Incident Activity Plan was conducted along with a review of the applicable standards set by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG).

Based on the review of all available documents and witness interviews Investigator Roach determined that the Colorado State Forest Service followed or exceeded the parameters sent by the LNF prescribed burn plan.

In reviewing all of the information obtained during the investigation, which included the above listed documents

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along with spot weather and weather discussions, and witness interviews, Investigator Roach determined that no violation of the Colorado Revised Statutes occurred.

DISPOSITION: Open

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12-8273

Supplement No
0023

Reported Date
04/17/2012
Nature Of Call
-AOA
Member#/Dept ID#
ROACH, DONALD

Administrative Information

Agency	Report No	Supplement No	Reported Date	Reported Time
Jefferson County Sheriff Office	12-8273	0023	04/17/2012	15:22

Status	Nature Of Call	Member#/Dept ID#
CLOSED	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	1500/ROACH, DONALD

Assignment	Entered by	RMS Transfer	Prop Trans Stat	Approving Officer
INVESTIGATIONS INTEL	1500	Successful	Successful	0057

Approval Date	Approval Time
04/18/2012	07:00:20

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CASE STATUS CHANGE

The status of this case will be closed. There was no information discovered during the investigation that indicated any persons or entity involved in the prescribed burn deviated from standard practice or violated any applicable state statute.

DISPOSITION: Closed

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12-8273

Supplement No
0024

Reported Date
04/17/2012
Nature Of Call

Member#/Dept ID#
CHRACHOL, JERRY

Administrative Information

Agency	Report No	Supplement No	Reported Date	Reported Time
Jefferson County Sheriff Office	12-8273	0024	04/17/2012	15:58

Member#/Dept ID#	Assignment	Entered by
1761/CHRACHOL, JERRY	PATROL MOUNTAIN WATCH A	1761

RMS Transfer	Prop Trans Stat	Approving Officer	Approval Date	Approval Time
Successful	Successful	5027	04/18/2012	07:29:35

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On 3-26-12, at about 1700 hours, I was contacted by Sgt Taborsky and told to respond to the end of Kuehster Road and begin mandatory evacuations of homes in that area with Deputy Beale. Deputy Beale and I were going to meet in the area of Oehlmann Park and respond to Kuehster Road together. While en route Deputy Beale was informed to divert from the evacuations on Kuehster Road and set up a command post at the Critchell County Shops on Pleasant Park Road. Deputy Beale responded to the shops and I continued to Kuehster Road.

While driving on Kuehster Road from Pleasant Park Road I could see an extremely large cloud of smoke across the mountain tops to the south and east. I noticed several cars driving on Kuehster Road toward Pleasant Park Road. As I approached the area of Kuehster Road and Arrow Springs Trail, there was little to no visibility due to smoke in the air. At this location, I saw a Intercanyon Fire Truck driving west on Kuehster Road. The firefighter identified himself as Intercanyon 612 and informed me that he had performed evacuations on Eagle Vista and Elk Ridge Roads and that the area was filled with heavy smoke and flames were coming up to the road. He then continued west on Kuehster Road. (I contacted Investigator Gove on March 28, 2012 and informed him of this contact).

I heard on the radio that Deputies Bruening, Barnes and Hertel were on their way to Kuehster Road to assist with evacuations. I looked to my left and saw a home located at 13842 Kuehster Road so drove into the driveway to see if people were there to be evacuated, but no one was seen. Deputy Barnes then arrived to my location and it decided to drive to North Trail to assist a male evacuate. While driving on east Kuehster Rd, we were contacted by a female in a white SUV who informed us that her husband was trapped in his driveway by the fire. We followed the female to 13874 North Trail Court and contacted James Chambers in the driveway. James stated that he was wanting to evacuate the area, but that he did not want to leave his 4 cows and 2 horses. James stated that he doesn't have a trailer large enough to take all of the animals and asked if we would assist in loading his two horses into the trailer. James assured us that once the horses were in the trailer, that he would evacuate. Deputy Barnes and I assisted in loading up the horses and then informed by James that he has worked too hard for this and that he was not going to leave the area. Deputy Barnes informed dispatch of James's name and date of birth and his refusal to leave.

Deputy Hertel and Bruening arrived at our location and informed us they had seen flames in the trees and spot fires on the ground in our area. For our safety it was decided that the four of us would attempt to leave the area and drive toward Pleasant Park Road. Deputy Bruening was the first car followed by Deputy Hertel, myself and Deputy Barnes was the fourth car. All four vehicles had the emergency lights activated while driving. As I drove behind Deputy Hertel, there were times that I could not see his vehicle or lights. Their was little to no visibility and I was unable to look out of the side of the car to see the edge of the road. Visibility would change from a smoke filled air, turning into dark black smoke and an orange glow with embers hitting the windshield.

I then heard Deputy Bruening air that he was in trouble and that he needed help. I continued driving, thinking that he would be a short distance ahead of me and off of the road to the left or right. As I continued on, I could see emergency lights to the left of my car and informed Deputy Bruening of my location by telling him about how far I as from his passenger side. Deputy Bruening aired that he could not see my vehicle, so I turned on my flood light and shined it toward his vehicle. Deputy Bruening stated that he was able to see me and that he would leave his

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car and run to mine. Deputy Bruening made it to my car and myself, Deputy Barnes and Deputy Hertel drove east on Kuehster Road to the area of 14206 Kuehster Road as there was a large field, with no trees, that was already black. Shortly after being at this address, a firefighter crew drove up and stated that had just driven up Kuehster Road and that we should be able to make it out of the area.

The three vehicles and four deputies drove on Kuehster Road and made it back to Pleasant Park Road. Once at Pleasant Park Road, I saw several large fire trucks, about 50 citizens and 1 Colorado State Trooper at the intersection. I was told to close down east bound Pleasant Park Road about a quarter mile west of Pleasant Park Road to reduce the number of citizens into the area. I was later informed to block traffic in the area of Pleasant Park Road and Broken Arrow Drive. I was later ordered to the area of Pleasant Park Road and Oehlmann Park Road to assist at that traffic control point.

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