



Unit 10A Objectives

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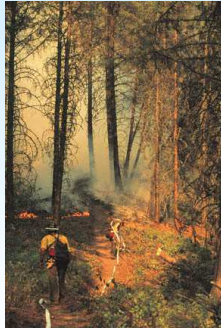
TASKS:

- Communicate – any unusual situation
- Patrol a section of line
- Patrol for spots/sopt fires

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Methods of Communication

- Hand signals
- Written messages
- Use of runners
- Mirrors
- Whistles or airhorns
- Two-way radios



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Identify a Communication Plan with Supervisor

May include:

- What type of communication to use.
- How often you must report.
- What kind of information to report.
- What types of signals to use if necessary.
- Having a backup plan.

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Things to Consider when Patrolling

- Purpose of the patrol assignment?
- Coverage of the assigned area?
- Information to be reported?
- Working in pairs or a systematic approach?
- Safety zones and escape routes?

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Patrolling for Spot Fires



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Conditions Contributing to Spot Fires

- Extremely dry weather
- Steep topography
- Heavy fuel
- Crown fires
- Whirlwinds or dust devils



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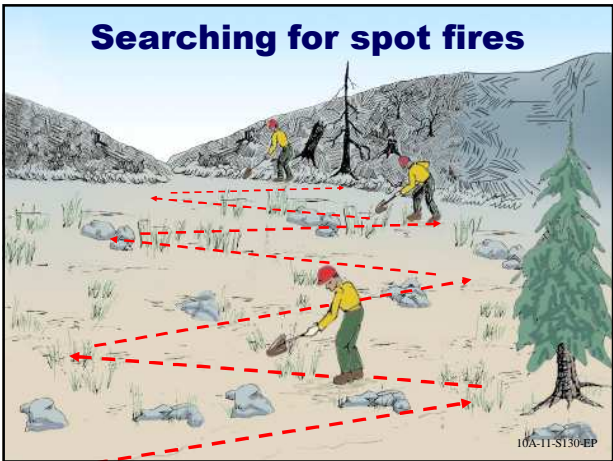
Conditions Contributing to Spot Fires

- Torched-out, lone tree
- Wind across the fireline
- Punky logs and tree roots hidden beneath the fireline in the soil
- Snags
- Flashy fuels



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