

# GREAT BASIN EXTREME FIRE BEHAVIOR INFORMATION



Moved 9 miles and 25,000 acres in one burn period.



Fire whirl lasted 4 hours in grass and brush.



Burned 100,000 acres in one day and moved 23 miles in two days.

*The extraordinary grass fuel loading in Central and Northern Nevada, Northern and Western Utah, and Southern Idaho is continuous and very dry.*

- ✓ As of the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, fires have burned more than two and half times the 10-year average in the Great Basin
- ✓ Fires are spreading rapidly. They can move faster than equipment can. **Ensure safety zones are adequate and available.**
- ✓ Fires are readily igniting through spotting. **Roads, rocky areas, and river bottoms i.e., natural barriers, may not stop fire spread.**
- ✓ Fires are burning with great intensity and have shown increasing resistance to control. **Watch your back.**
- ✓ Burn period is lasting longer (14 to 16 hours). **Fires are active later into the night and earlier in the morning.**
- ✓ Personnel observed fire burning in fuel types that typically do not burn, for example, desert scrub brush.

## Make Safety Your First Priority.

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