



How to Report a Wildfire

Size-up!

Observing and reporting these qualities to the 911 dispatcher helps the fire department respond the appropriate amount of resources.



What is the Size?

- Small Spot = about the size of a campfire.
- Large spot = about the size of a bonfire.
- If it is larger than a bonfire, describe the fire in square feet or acreage. One acre is about the size of a football field.



What type of fuel is burning?

- Grass, weeds and hay are light fuels
- Sagebrush and vegetation from about 3-5 feet high are medium fuels
- Forested or wooded areas are heavy fuels



What is the rate of spread? How fast is the fire growing?

- Slow – or no spread.
- Moderate – is about a jogging speed.
- Fast – is about a running speed. Is the fire being pushed by the wind?



What is threatened?

- Are there structures nearby?
- Is the fire moving toward structures? Is one structure at risk or an entire subdivision?
- Is the fire moving toward livestock?
- Is the fire moving toward any outside tanks, like propane or fuel?