



CODING CORNER: GRASS/VEGETATION FIRES

Regardless of ignition, a fire that is out of control should be reported as one of the incident types below, even if it started as a controlled burn.

These incidents must include, at minimum, a Basic module and a Fire **or** Wildland Module. (One or the other must be completed.) Completing an Apparatus/Personnel is optional but highly encouraged.

If a Civilian Fire Casualty (injury or fatality) occurs due to the fire **and** YOU are the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) for the incident, you are responsible for completing one Civilian Fire Casualty Module per civilian.

If a Fire Service Casualty (injury or fatality) from your department occurs, a Fire Service Casualty module is mandatory.

Incident Type(s):	<u>Forest, Brush, or Grass</u> 141 – Forest, woods, wildland fire 142 – Brush, brush/grass mixture 143 – Grass fire	<u>Crops</u> 171 – Cultivated grain, crop fire 172 – Cultivated Orchard, vineyard fire 173 – Cultivated trees, nursery stock fire
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Examples of Action(s) Taken:	11 – Extinguish 14 – Contain fire (Wildland) 16 – Control fire (Wildland)	13 – Establish Fire Lines 15 – Confine fire (Wildland) 53 – Evacuate area
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Basic Module

The below area all required fields when completing the Basic Module, but it is always recommended to fill out all fields for a comprehensive incident report.

- **Alarm, Arrival, and Last Unit Cleared** dates/times
- **Mutual Aid** (See 'Mutual Aid' reference sheet for more information)
- **Estimated Dollar Losses & Values** are estimates, and are required for all fires
- **Property Use**

Fire Module

The below are all required sections/fields when completing the Fire module, but it is always recommended to fill out all fields for a comprehensive incident report.

- **Number of Residential Units** is only required if the Property Use section of the Basic Module is coded in the 400-series codes.
- **On-Site Materials or Products** –and- **On-Site Materials Storage Use** is only required if the Property Use section of the Basic Module was coded in the 500, 600, 700, or 800-series codes.
- **Section D – Ignition**, which includes Area of Fire Origin, Heat Source, Item First Ignited, and Type of Material First Ignited.



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- **Section E – Cause of Ignition**, which includes Cause of Ignition, Factors Contributing to Ignition, and Human Factors Contributing to Ignition.

Wildland Module

The below are all required sections/fields when completing the Wildland Module, but it is always recommended to fill out all fields for a comprehensive incident report.

- **Alternate Location Specification** (This is only required if location information was not put in the Basic Module)
- **Area Type**
- **Section D – Wildland Fire Cause**, which includes Wildland Fire Cause, Human Factors Contributing to Ignition, and Factors Contributing to Ignition
- **Heat Source**
- **Number of Buildings Ignited** – if no buildings were ignited, check “None.” If there were buildings ignited, remember that a separate exposure report must be done for each exposure.
- **Total Acres Burned** – this should be the most accurate *estimate* of acres burned that is practical to obtain

If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact the NFIRS administrator by email at NFIRS@wsp.wa.gov or by phone at 360-596-3924.