## Module - When Lightning Strikes

### Overview

**Goals:** Become familiar with the characteristics of a lightning strike, evaluate the risk, and know your options to make yourself safer. Students will also become familiar with lightning related injuries and their symptoms.

### Exercise

**Lightning Scenario**

You are part of a four person rappel crew suppressing a lightning started, quarter acre fire in subalpine fir on a sparsely wooded, high ridge, in the late afternoon. There is a cumulonimbus cell approaching you from the southwest and you begin to hear thunder rumblings and see flashes within the anvil shaped cloud. You estimate that the cell is seven to nine miles away and approaching fast. There is no road access and it is a two hour hike out. Look at the map and answer the following questions. See pg 19 IRPG.

- What are your actions and why?
- What warning signs influenced your decision?
- What medical and transport considerations should you take into account in a post-strike situation?

**Answers**

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Student Workbook

Answers continued

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