

Staff Ride

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Wildland Fire Leadership Development Program

Cart Creek Fire – Audio Transcript

Voice of Val Norman, Stand #3

- I remember when we flew in, we flew basically over the fire, down in this drainage here and our thought at that time was, "Wow, this is just a little fire." Very little fire activity, it was just kinda creeping on the edges. We proceeded to land and unload and so when we were all together there was seven or eight of us. Dave proceeded to line us out and said basically that we're going to hike up across the edge of the fire here, up over to where they'd started building line up above. And so we had no problem with that. We could see the fire just below us. And at time it was probably 10 acres, maybe a little bit more, but the flame length was minimal, a foot, foot and half flame length. And so we were, I guess what I'd call complacent, and so we were lined out to hike up to where we were going to tie into the other line and as I remember Ray Ruble was leading the group and then Dave Noel said he'd bring up the rear.