

Staff Ride

Resources



Wildland Fire Leadership Development Program

Rock Creek Fire – Audio Transcript

Interview with Kirk Studebaker, Stand #4

[Narrator] The following is a segment from an interview conducted by Mike Bland with Kirk Studebaker. Mr. Studebaker was one of the first on scene and successfully retreated after the wind event down to Highway 95.

[Mr. Studebaker] After that, whenever we got into a fire that was of that magnitude and had that much fuel, I kept up my crew away from it, and waited until it got to someplace where we could work on it. If it was in a heavy fuel area like that was, I didn't take the men in. It was, we should have known and we did know that there was high brush and lots of fuel there and chances of puttin' it out might not be too good. We were pretty well spooked when we saw some of the fire that was going on there but being on a ridge like that you have a lot of room where there isn't a lot of fuel. So, you can get away from it but then when it turned around and really whipped up, then we knew it was time to get out of there.