

Ogden, Utah
August 5, 1939

FOREST SUPERVISORS

Reference is made to Mr. Kinney's circular of April 4, 1939.

Please advise if signed roster is available from which enrollee fire fire fighters are drawn at your CCC camps.

The following principles of good organization should be emphasized:

1. Keep foremen with their regular crew and leaders with their own squads to the maximum extent possible. If an exception to this rule is necessary, double check the necessity before assuming the responsibility therefor.
2. On medium and low hazard forests a plan of action for reporting fires to supervisor's office promptly by field officers and the necessary follow-up by supervisor on progress of fire are needed.
3. Plans should be made for competent fire boss and overhead on occasional fires in the medium and low hazard group, particularly in cases where ranger is not immediately available. Someone should direct crew placement and general fire organization activities.
4. The practice of splitting up CCC crews is dangerous, although sometimes necessary on certain types of fires. In case of doubt or if safety appears to demand it, do not split up a CCC crew. Rather, sufficient fire overhead should be provided to give additional crew leadership in smaller groups, during periods of extreme or emergency conditions. CCC's must be given protection and not be subjected unusual fire hazard.
5. CCC foremen and leaders should be cautioned to look out for sudden changes of wind in direction or amount and consider the effect it may have. should also observe present and potential wind, fuel and humidity conditions between noon and 6:00 P.M. and use exceptional precautions in approaching fire or starting action at this time of day. The natural tendency to get in front of a fire must be guarded against during these hours when a flank attack or an organization or rest period or other action may be more desirable.
6. Foremen should consider and discuss line of retreat in case of blow-up (burned area, sidestep, etc.) with leaders and crew.
7. Do not allow enrollees of poor physical condition to be assigned to fire line duty.

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