

# How to Document a Wildland Fire Incident

The NFIRS Complete Reference Guide (version 5.0) defines Wildland Fires as: Any fire involving vegetative fuels, other than a prescribed fire, that occurs in the wildland. A wildland fire may expose and possibly consume structures.

➤ Note: A prescribed fire that escapes management is a hostile fire (Incident Type 141).

Wildland is defined as: An area where development is essentially nonexistent, except for roads, railroads, power lines, and similar facilities.

The Wildland Fire Module permits wildland fires to be profiled in detail for resource allocation, incident management, and fire impact analysis.

## NFIRS-1 Basic Module:

1. Enter Incident Date.
2. Enter Incident Number.
3. Check the box to indicate that this is a wildland fire.

**Location Type** ☆  Check this box to indicate that the address for this incident is provided on the Wildland Fire Module in Section B, "Alternative Location Specification." Use only for wildland fires.

Street address Census Tract

Intersection  -

In front of Street Type  Suffix

Rear of Number/Milepost  Prefix  Street or Highway

Adjacent to  -

Directions Apt./Suite/Room  City  State  ZIP Code

U.S. National Grid Cross Street, Directions or National Grid, as applicable

4. Enter Incident Type:
  - 141 - Forest, woods, or wildland fire
  - 142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire
  - 143 - Grass fire

**Incident Type** ☆

Incident Type

5. Check the box indicating that you received auto aid or mutual aid. If no aid received, check the **"None"** box only.

### **D** Aid Given or Received ☆ None

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2	<input type="checkbox"/> Auto. aid received									
3	<input type="checkbox"/> Mutual aid given									
4	<input type="checkbox"/> Auto. aid given									
5	<input type="checkbox"/> Other aid given									

6. Enter the dates and times.

Midnight is 0000

**Dates and Times**

Check boxes if dates are the same as Alarm Date.

		Month	Day	Year	Hour	Min
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alarm	★	[ ][ ]	[ ][ ]	[ ][ ][ ][ ]	[ ][ ]	[ ][ ]
<small>ALARM always required</small>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrival	★	[ ][ ]	[ ][ ]	[ ][ ][ ][ ]	[ ][ ]	[ ][ ]
<small>ARRIVAL required, unless canceled or did not arrive</small>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Controlled		[ ][ ]	[ ][ ]	[ ][ ][ ][ ]	[ ][ ]	[ ][ ]
<small>CONTROLLED optional, except for wildland fires</small>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Last Unit Cleared		[ ][ ]	[ ][ ]	[ ][ ][ ][ ]	[ ][ ]	[ ][ ]
<small>LAST UNIT CLEARED, required except for wildland fires</small>						

7. Enter the two-digit codes for up to three of the most significant actions taken by your agency.

**Actions Taken** ★

[ ][ ] [ ][ ]  
Primary Action Taken (1)

[ ][ ] [ ][ ]  
Additional Action Taken (2)

[ ][ ] [ ][ ]  
Additional Action Taken (3)

8. Enter the total number of your fire agency personnel that responded or check the box to indicate you used an Apparatus or Personnel Module.

**Resources** ★

Check this box and skip this block if an Apparatus or Personnel Module is used.

	Apparatus	Personnel
Suppression	[ ][ ][ ][ ]	[ ][ ][ ][ ]
EMS	[ ][ ][ ][ ]	[ ][ ][ ][ ]
Other	[ ][ ][ ][ ]	[ ][ ][ ][ ]

**Note:** Only include your agency’s resources. The aiding agency(s) will enter their own resources (you will need to provide them with your agency FDID, incident number, and incident type).

9. Enter the best total estimated dollar losses and values, if known.

**Estimated Dollar Losses and Values**

**LOSSES:** Required for all fires if known. Optional for non-fires. **None**

Property \$ [ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ][ ][ ]

Contents \$ [ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ][ ][ ]

**PRE-INCIDENT VALUE:** Optional

Property \$ [ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ][ ][ ]

Contents \$ [ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ][ ][ ]

10. Enter the number of civilian or fire service injuries/deaths. If there were no civilian or no fire service personnel casualties, check the “None” box only.

★ Casualties  None

	Deaths	Injuries
Fire Service	[ ][ ][ ]	[ ][ ][ ]
Civilian	[ ][ ][ ]	[ ][ ][ ]

11. Enter the Property Use Code: 931 - Open land or field or check the corresponding check box

Property Use ☆

Code

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Property Use Description

**Note:** There can only be one code selected for this field. Because your crews most likely worked across several property use types during the wildfire, using code 931 - Open land or field would be the most appropriate. We understand they may have worked in residential yards, vacant lots, right of ways, timberland areas, etc.; however, to maintain consistency and for tracking purposes we are choosing to use this code as it is likely to be the most common among all those on-scene.

### NFIRS-8 Wildland Fire Module:

1. Enter the Latitude/Longitude of the wildland fire.

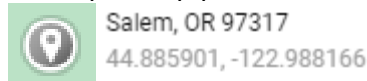
Alternate Location Specification

Enter Latitude/Longitude OR Township/Range/Section/Subsection Meridian if Section B on the Basic Module is not completed.

Latitude

Longitude

**Note:** You can open [Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps) and enter the address or drop a map pin to obtain the latitude & longitude.



2. Check the box that best describes the area type where the wildland fire occurred.

Area Type ☆

- 1  Rural, farms >50 acres
- 2  Urban (heavily populated)
- 3  Rural/Urban or suburban
- 4  Urban-wildland interface area

3. Check the box that best describes the cause of the wildland fire.

Wildland Fire Cause ☆

- 1  Natural source
- 2  Equipment
- 3  Smoking
- 4  Open/Outdoor fire
- 5  Debris/Vegetation burn
- 6  Structure (exposure)
- 7  Incendiary
- 8  Misuse of fire
- 0  Other
- U  Undetermined

4. Check the boxes that best describe any human factors that contributed to the ignition of the wildland fire. If human factors were not involved or cannot be determined, check the "**None**" box only.

Human Factors Contributing to Ignition

Check as many boxes as are applicable.  None

- 1  Asleep
- 2  Possibly impaired by alcohol or drugs
- 3  Unattended person
- 4  Possibly mentally disabled
- 5  Physically disabled
- 6  Multiple persons involved
- 7  Age was a factor

5. Enter the two-digit code for up to two factors that contributed to the ignition of the wildland fire. If no factors contributed to ignition, check the "**None**" box only.

Factors Contributing to Ignition  None

#1   #2

6. Enter the three-digit code for up to three fire suppression factors or conditions that contributed to the growth, spread, or suppression of the wildland fire. If no factors were involved in the fire suppression efforts, check the “None” box only.

Fire Suppression Factors  None

Enter up to three factors

#1 [ ][ ] [ ][ ][ ]

#2 [ ][ ] [ ][ ][ ]

#3 [ ][ ] [ ][ ][ ]

7. Enter the two-digit code that best describes the heat source that ignited the wildland fire.

Heat Source

[ ][ ] [ ][ ][ ][ ]

8. Enter the two-digit code that best describes the mobile property type that started the fire. If no mobile property started the fire, check the “None” box only.

Mobile Property Type  None

[ ][ ] [ ][ ][ ][ ]

9. Enter the three-digit code that best describes the equipment involved in ignition. If no equipment was involved in ignition, check the “None” box only.

Equipment Involved in Ignition  None

[ ][ ] [ ][ ][ ][ ]

10. Enter the number of buildings ignited by the wildland fire. If no buildings ignited, check the “None” box only.

Number of Buildings Ignited  None

[ ][ ][ ] [ ][ ][ ][ ]

Number of buildings that were ignited in Wildland fire.

11. Enter the number of buildings threatened but not ignited by the wildland fire. If no buildings were threatened, check the “None” box only.

Number of Buildings Threatened  None

[ ][ ][ ] [ ][ ][ ][ ]

Number of buildings that were threatened by Wildland fire but were not involved.

12. Enter the total number of acres burned.

Total Acres Burned ☆

[ ][ ][ ], [ ][ ][ ], [ ][ ][ ] • [ ][ ]