



### Wildfire After Action Review

Region: Deh Cho

Date: Mon., June 4

Fire Number: FS002-24

Staff Present: SOF

**1. What was the plan? Talk about size-up, each person's roles going in to the fire.**

This was a CIFFC export, with means it's different than one with Parks Canada exports. Having previous NT exports, it benefit me. I knew GNWT IMT's are smaller than Parks, in overhead numbers, which means more adaptive and flexible to the role, and can't limit yourself. Plan was to come in as SOF overall, not just field SOF, like not crew officer, which wasn't necessary here, also because of location of the fire, had to fly out, couldn't do line audits. So as SOF, you depend and rely on IC, OPS, crew leaders, and DIVS to advise you of safety concerns. It was a good relationship already, had came with confidence, if there was any safety issues to share with me. Original plan was to come in and support GNWT's IMT as best as I could.

**2. What Actually Happened which caused us to deviate from the plan, and why did that happened?**

No deviation. Came in knowing the role and I knew the fire location and limited aircraft, so was no fireline assessments. Positives are the safety culter the IMT had inplace and was maintained. FBAN, PSC, IC, first and last word of briefing was safety was detailed, not broad info. Team members and crew members spoke of injuries and issues. PSC spoke to eye wasing station. Crew members were seen, the lacerations, door handle situation (seeing the reoccurrence) and all issues were address the next mornings briefings. What we seen on this fire, was seen on other fire. Like the verbal abuse is everywhere, not just here. Mitgations and bear sprays actions had immediatie attention. Also, due to a small team, messsags went directly to crews and immediately, not havingnto go through meetings to find out. Intimate camp, got to eat together, debriefed with eachother. Relationships were happening, the foundation of trust. GNWT should be proud and know there's trust within the supervisors. Training as well, in my 17 years with fire, seen how more training is happening. The mobile medic, great call to bring that resource in. I get it all depends on numbers but this remote location's health centre can't be relied on for afterhours, the Health Centre wouldn't have been able to treat these minor injuries with crew hours. Having that person on site, was at ease to know a medivac plan was in place, and everyone knew the plan - oreintation with the radaio operator, and IC, to PSC. Can easily go sideways, but here from day 1 has been smooth. First talk with OSC, Scott, he said it was smooth so wasn't necessary to go out on the line and was humble enough to share the field visit didn't need to happen. Ops were safe, DIVS were safe, that they didn't need me interacting on the fireline. Knew there was great relationship amoungts each other. Everyone was respectful, plenty of showers for hygenie. GNWT has the trust on IMT to do their camp, good work ethic, made due. Relaxed but professional, and knowing task at hand. If I was not comfrotanle in GNWT's operations, I would have turned down the export, as I just did a month export with Alberta prior to coming here.

**3. What are we going to do better next time?**

What we can do next, know you have the right peole in the right postions, have support for them - supply supporting roles to assist. Duty officers, if not comfortable have symthapy to the role and know they're over worked. Coming to a small remote community - if you're sending applicances, also send generators for the additional power support it needs. Adequate facilities. Fortunate, to the point where it was meeting it's limit. Bad weather days, we went in the warehouse for breifings or dining. Invest in your firebases, seen few bases where it was vacant and needed to revamp it to get going again. Have the ability to host trainging here, knowing if the facilities are adequte. Proud people here, who upkeep the grounds. Community was grateful for us being here. 32 fire fighters here and no OCS. Knowing the LSC wanted to do well, but could support him cause some tasks he wasn't allowed to delegate. If wanting another bigger camp and have limited capacity for SOF, send someone for mentorship. Amount of incdients reported from the Yukon crews, it's not untypical. Type 2 crews come in as mop-up. 12 of them were super green - had no fire experience on the line. A lot of mentoring, fortunate how this fire played out. 100% support given when asked.

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