

Standard Operating Guideline 5
Natural Cover Fire Response

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Arrival on Scene

- Complete a windshield size-up and transmit on the proper channel.
- Establish or pass command.
- Confirm that the fire needs extinguished
- Locate the head of the fire.
- Park all vehicles and apparatus in safe areas.
- Evaluate the topography.
- Evaluate weather conditions.
- Evaluate the need for more resources.

Fire Attack

- Evaluate the entire fire potential
- Form a plan of attack
- Attack the head of the fire first, if this can be done safely.
- Call for assistance from Missouri Department of Conservation if needed.
- Constantly watch for changing conditions and adjust accordingly.

Overhaul and Clearing the Scene

- As soon as resources become available start overhaul.
- Close all open gates and doors.
- Repair all fences, if possible, otherwise inform property owner of problem.
- Get all necessary report information and complete report.
- Assure the fire is completely out, at least tree heights around the perimeter of the burned out area.
- Complete firefighter accountability.
- Turn scene over to property owner.