Wildland Fire Leadership Development Program

# 1910 Fire – Strategic Discussion Points

#### **Stand 1 Discussion Points**

 Leaders intent in 1910 seems to have been very clear – prevent, and suppress all wildfire on national forest lands. The Rangers had a large territory to cover and limited means of communication. How would Forest Service Chief Gifford Pinchot's national intent to suppress fires effect decisions at the field level?

• In today's fire culture, what improvements or changes have we made in ensuring that clear leader's intent is communicated to all levels of the organization?

 In a dynamic environment such as the fireline, how do we provide clear direction and guidance but allow enough individual freedom to respond to rapid changes?

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and 2 Discussion Points	
•	Supervisor Weigle and the Mayor of Wallace had developed an evacuation and defense plan for the town incorporating Forest Service personnel, the fire department, and Company I of the 25th Infantry. Despite Weigle's absence and a great deal of confusion during the evacuation, a large portion of the town is saved and fatalities are limited.
•	What designated resources, roles, and plans do you have in place within your organization, and with local cooperators and communities to deal with events that rapidly escalate?
•	How do you ensure that understanding is in place with all affected groups?

#### **Stand 3 Discussion Points**

• The Rangers and forest guards used several different means to escape when it became apparent they needed to disengage. Even though they were not called escape routes and safety zones, they were used as such. What has changed since then in terms of how we utilize escape routes and safety zones?

• How do we maintain the validity of our escape routes and safety zones as a particular fixed location within the operational period?

## **Stand 4 Discussion Points**

 The Rangers were faced with sudden and critical decisions to save their crews, and in some cases the towns and their residents. For the most part, they were highly successful. How were the Rangers able to make these rapid decisions and maintain control of their crews?

• What leadership traits can we infer from how they handled their individual crises?