

Thirteen prescribed fire situations that shout watch out?

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I propose to review Maupin's¹ thirteen prescribed fire situations that shout watch out in light of my unique personal experiences in prescribed fire across Canada since this publication. The review will rely on short case studies of individual burning operations, as well as on amalgamated lessons learned from repeated experiences. It is anticipated Maupin's original watch outs could be modified or morphed into standard prescribed fire orders beneficial to future 21st century prescribed fire operations.

Burn orders #1 - don't play with fire, its serious **B**usiness

bUrn orders #2 - fire **U**se requires a plan

buRn orders #3 - **R**ely on the plan & speak up when you're deviating

burN orders #4 – deviation requires a **N**ew plan

burn **O**rders #5 – implement **O**ne plan at a time

burn **oR**ders #6 – **R**ely on local talent to plan, implement & monitor

burn **orD**ers #7 – **D**efine reasonable containment lines and actions

burn **ordE**rs #8 – plan for **E**scaped fire

burn **ordeR**s #9 – **R**emain on site

burn **orderS** #10 – celebrate small **S**uccesses but review ops daily

¹ **Maupin, J. (1981).** Thirteen prescribed fire situations that shout watch out! Fire Management Notes 42(4):10.