

# Jes Burns, Wildfire Reporting Tips

## **Wildfire Reporting Tips:**

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### **Before Going:**

- **Do some cartography work – familiarize yourself with fire boundaries and what’s around on the landscape.**
- **Gear Up:**
  1. **There probably won’t be supply shortages, but fires can be remote and opportunities to restock difficult to come by.**
  2. **Don’t expect to be provided with a work space. Cell coverage may be scarce in remote fire locations.**
  3. **You won’t be able to get to the line without a fire suit, and they may or may not have spares available.**
  4. **Smoke mask capable of handling PM 2.5 (masks should have N95 on them)**

### **While You’re There:**

- **Get lay of land – where all the different camps and people are located**
- **Find the Incident Command Post – center of operation for the fire.**
- **Find the Resource Advisors (READS) - These are your biologists, ecologists, environmental specialists. They’re not there to protect life and property – but to protect natural and cultural resources. Good source for environmental stories.**