

Hauser Creek Fire

Stand #1 – Campground meeting.

Importance: Communication

This is the site of the former Hauser Creek campground, approximately 1.25 miles east of the origin. It is here that Ewing met with Hunt to provide a briefing on his assignment. Hunt & Herndon had led the convoy of Marines from Pine Valley to this location. The Camp Lockett crews also arrived at this location. Ewing gave instructions here to Davis to take the Camp Lockett soldiers to the west line and tie in with Munhall for their assignment. This is the location where many of the injured had been transported for pick up by the ambulances.

Review Ewing, Davis & Hunts witness statements.

Stand #2 – Turn around flats.

Importance: Situational Awareness

This is the location where Herndon and the Marines turned their vehicles around after leaving the campground and heading back up canyon for their assignment. This location provided them a good view of the point of origin and the fire behavior. It is unknown if Hunt came to this location to turn around.

Review Herndon & Wrights witness statements.

Stand #3a – Lookout nob.

Importance: Situational Awareness

This location is where the handline was anchored to the road and also where Herndon states, he stood to view the fire from. It was also near this location that Davis met Wright as the fire approached.

Review Davis & Herndon's witness statements.

Stand #3b – The Handline.

Importance: Window Closing

This location provides an overview of the "gulch" where the handline was located. It also provides an idea of the difficulty trying to escape through the green. The "boulders" and "curved cliff" are evident where groups sheltered. The exact location of the fatalities is unknown, but the general area can be identified near the top of the gulch.

Review Hunt, Herndon, and Stewart's witness statements.

Stand #3c – Memorial rock.

Importance: Discussion

This is the location where those escaping down the handline found safety. It was also where the injured were initially brought before moving them up canyon to the campground for transportation back to Camp Lockett.

Review Hunt, Wright, & Davies' witness statements.