

## The Mann Gulch Tragedy and What Is Now Known as the “Escape Fire”

A story is told about a Montana fire (1949) that ended in tragedy for a team of fire-fighting hotshots.

Now known as the Mann Gulch fire, the crew leader that day was Wag Dodge.

A short trailer from a movie titled “Escape Fire” describes what happened that day.

Facing a runaway forest fire, even highly-trained individuals can retreat into traditional thinking.

When stress, complexity, and uncertainty are greatest, it is hard to realize fresh thinking is needed.

The actions of the crew leader that day offer a simple lesson.

When traditional approaches fail, a change in mindset can sometimes be what is needed most.

Are we sufficiently open to the novel thinking needed to achieve success in the challenge we face?