

Late Backup

From a firefighter

Recent "Ember" studies have shown that embers up to 2 inches (And I think 2 ½ in) in size were carried up to 1 ½ miles from the main Bastrop Complex fires. Remember that the studies at UT have shown that the embers starting ignitions are the microscopic ones. Who knows how far they traveled while still being an ignition source. This means that the fire that is running east towards 360 **could** be sending an ember shower miles ahead with a wind driven fire. A Big fire coming into West Austin may just hop skip and jump along with 35-40 mph winds (like in Steiner). Our main concern is along the 360 corridor and westward. We will need to hammer fuel mitigation AND stop those fires before they get too big to stop....