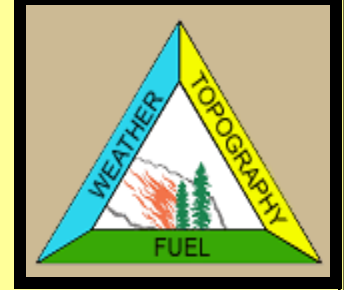




TOPIC 36
FUEL
CONTINUITY



FUEL CONTINUITY describes the distribution of fuels over a given area. Two (2) broad categories exist:

1. **UNIFORM FUELS** – fuels are distributed continuously over the area.
2. **PATCHY FUELS** – includes all fuels distributed unevenly over the area. Definite fuel breaks or fuel fuels of much lower flammability separate fuels of higher flammability.

Continuity is an important factor in fire behaviour because the distribution of fuels influences the potential area where a fire may spread. If fuel is uniformly distributed over an entire area, there is a high potential for a complete rapid burn, and the fire may be difficult to control. If fuel is patchy, the burn may not be as complete and the fire will be easier to control.