

Strategy – *Direct Attack*

Advantages:

- Minimal area is burned; no additional area is intentionally burned.
- Safest place to work; firefighters can usually escape into the burned area.
- The uncertainties of firing operations can be reduced/eliminated.

Disadvantages:

- Firefighters can be hampered by heat, smoke, and flames.
- Control lines can be very long and irregular.
- Burning material can easily spread across mid-slope lines.
- May not be able to use natural or existing barriers.
- More mop up and patrol is usually required.