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fall, down through the hole, and check to see if we had an opening in that side before we risked taking the rest of the two teams behind us. We took the ladder, put it up over the fall, managed to get the ladder down through the hole. We crawled down through the hole. At some points we had to leave the ladder. The twisted metal was too tight to get through so at some points we had to leave the ladder, crawl around the metal, and come back on the ladder. Once we got down to the bottom of the ladder, we were actually underneath the roof supports. The roof support is normally held by two legs-- one leg was completely collapsed. And the area that we were in was actually like a triangle shape underneath one leg. We took some gas tests at this time and we got fairly good readings. We didn't know how far we could get, but the area did look pretty good. So we decided that we would explore a little bit of the area before we called for the rest of the teams. We advanced into the top of Number 1 north main's tunnel. We encountered another fall there. When we climbed up over the top of it we noticed that there was a light flashing down Number 1 main tunnel, north mains. At first we didn't know what it was. As we approached it closer we realized that it was the fire. We examined the area. The fire was in the coal floor. It was about 5 feet in diameter. And the flame was probably about 6 or 7 inches high. And the flame would roll across the top of the coal floor. We took some gas tests. At this point we were around 3% methane, or about 2% away from the explosive limit. So the three of us retreated back out, back up over the fall. There we contacted the fresh-air base and asked that some equipment be sent down in order to extinguish the fire so that we could further travel in the mine. We spent about two hours at the bottom of the fall, the two teams facing each other. The area at Number 11 crosscut, the roof was continuing to cave in. We couldn't speak to each other because any vibration was causing the roof to collapse even more. We did do some

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