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Michael Dukakis talks with fire officials, firefighters and more than 100 reporters and cameramen at Firehole Canyon Drive on Thursday.

Dukakis views damage

Candidate avoids stand on 'let it burn' policy

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YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. — Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis carefully avoided comments on the park's controversial "let it burn" policy during a visit to scorched areas of Yellowstone Thursday, but two Montana Democratic congressmen who briefed Dukakis said he has grave doubts about way the policy was applied.

"He does not support 'let it burn,'" U.S. Rep. Pat Williams said at the West Yellowstone airport, where the Massachusetts governor arrived Thursday morning to view areas scoured by fire and talk with officials.

"He understands that the fire policy was misapplied when they waited until July and August of a

Continues in battle against Yellowstone fires