



File 6730
Code:
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Date: September 1, 2011

Subject: Salt Fire Incident - Equipment Loss and Shelter Use

To: Regional Forester

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Salmon-Challis National Forest, Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District

Date of Occurrence: August 29, 2011

Time of Occurrence: Approximately 1800 hours

Activity: Wildfire - Type 2 Incident Management Team

Number and type of injuries: None

Property loss: One tractor with trailer (dozer transport)

Narrative:

On August 29, 2011, at approximately 1800 hours, fire activity increased significantly on the east end of the Salt Fire. Ground resources were ordered to disengage and evacuate. During evacuation, one of the predetermined escape routes became engulfed by the fire. Ground resources using that escape route were then ordered back to a parking area and then into a safety zone.

While at the parking area, a transport driver and a dozer operator shared a fire shelter to shield themselves from the intense heat from the advancing fire. Soon after the two took cover using the fire shelter, a line safety officer at the parking area drove up to the two individuals, loaded them in his truck and transported them to the safety zone. No injuries were reported.

A tractor with trailer in the parking area was later destroyed by the fire. In addition, another trailer in the parking area received some damage to the wooden deck.

A Facilitated Learning Analyses Team began their review of the accident today.

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