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24 Hour Preliminary Report

June 27, 2009

To: Designated Agency Safety and Health Official (DASHO)
Subject: Preliminary (24 Hour) Report

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LOCATION: Freeman Reservoir, Medicine Bow - Routt National Forests

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: June 26, 2009

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: Approximately 1630

TEAM LEADER: Sue Richardson, BLM

ACTIVITY: Chainsaw Training

NUMBER OF INJURIES: 0

NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 1

PROPERTY DAMAGE: None

NARRATIVE: On June 26, 2009 Northwest Colorado Interagency Fire Management Unit's local Bureau of Land Management fire crews were having a chainsaw training field exercise at Freeman Reservoir on the Hahns Peak/Bears Ear Ranger District of the Medicine Bow - Routt National Forests. At approximately 1630, during the tree felling exercise, one fire fighter was killed. The deceased fire fighter is a Bureau of Land Management employee.

On June 27, 2009 a national serious accident investigation team, with interagency representation, is being assembled at the Little Snake Field Office in Craig, Colorado.

/s/Jim Douglas, Assistant Director, Fire and Aviation

cc:
BLM Safety Chief, WO-740
Official Case File, WO-740
Office of Fire and Aviation Safety Manager, FA-300