

TOOLBOX DEPLOYMENT LESSONS LEARNED

On July 24, 2002, a 20-person contract wildland fire crew deployed their fire shelters for environmental reasons in a designated safety zone on the Toolbox Incident on the Fremont National Forest. Subsequent investigations by a Serious Accident Investigation Team (SAIT) and Occupational Safety and Health Agency (OSHA) offered a wide range of causal factors. After agreement with OSHA, the Pacific Northwest utilized the Lessons Learned process to examine the successes and issues of the incident. This Lessons Learned After Incident Report (AIR) contains the discussion points developed when incident personnel met on December 13, 2002.

The Lessons Learned Center will expand on some of these lessons learned in the near future. Training recommendations and unresolved issues will be forwarded through appropriate channels for consideration.