

**Incident Name:** St. Joe Divide Rx Helitorch Gel Burn Injury (2021)

**State:** Idaho

**Date:** 4/17/21

**Incident Type:** Burn Injury

**Description of the Incident:**

During helitorch operations on the St. Joe Divide Prescribed Fire on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests, discarded helitorch gel ignited. During suppression actions to extinguish the burning gel, a wildland firefighter received minor 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burns to the hand. The individual, treated by county medical personnel and a U.S. Forest Service EMT, remained on scene until operations were complete. The employee was later evaluated and treated at a local hospital then returned to work.

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