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Subject: Firefighter Injury, Freezeout Ridge Fire

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Background: The Freezeout Ridge Fire started on 9/05/2014 on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest and has spread onto the Nez Perce National Forest. ICP and the helibase are located on the Payette National Forest. The Wallowa-Whitman remains the lead Forest for management of the incident.

Location of Incident: Freezeout Ridge Fire, Salmon River Ranger District, Nez Perce National Forest

Date of Occurrence: 9/21/2014

Time of Occurrence: Approximately 1800 MST

Number of Injuries: 1

Number of Fatalities: 0

Property Damage: None

Narrative: Firefighters from the Winema Hotshot crew were working on the Northeast edge of the Freezeout Ridge Fire when a snag fell and struck a Firefighter. The individual was knocked unconscious and it was determined by personnel on scene that life flight medical attention was needed. The individual was treated on scene by crew members, then transported via helicopter, long lined to a heli-spot where he was treated by a paramedic and transported to a hospital in Boise. He is being treated for severe head injuries including a skull fracture, broken jaw, lacerations to the face and head, two broken arms, dislocated thumb, and minor burns.

A Facilitated Learning Analysis (FLA) team has convened and began to assess the incident.

/s/ Genny Wilson

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Facilitated Learning Analysis Team Leader



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