

**Incident Name:** Windy Fire Hit By Tree (2021)

**State:** California

**Date:** 9/28/21

**Incident Type:** Hit By Tree

**Description of the Incident:**

While digging handline on the Windy Fire on the Sequoia National Forest, a firefighter was struck across the back by a 10-inch-diameter live oak tree. The tree had burned through its base. The firefighter, who received fractures to the spine (L-1 and L-2), had no loss of consciousness or loss of motor functions.

The patient was transported via ambulance to the Drop Point, then via helicopter to a Level 2 Trauma Center, where the patient underwent surgery.

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