

Incident Name: Prescribed Fire Pagosa RD San Juan NF Chainsaw Cut (2019)

State: Colorado

Date: 8/21/19

Incident Type: Chainsaw Cut

Description of the Incident:

During prep on a prescribed fire, a Firefighter working as a swamper came in contact with the chainsaw and sustained a 5-inch long cut on the upper arm. Another Forest Service Firefighter who happened to also be a Registered Nurse, got the bleeding stopped and assisted in transporting the Firefighter to a waiting ambulance. The Firefighter was then taken to a hospital, received 21 staples, and was released to light duty. A full recovery is anticipated.

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