

**Incident Name:** White River Fire Hit By Tree (2020)

**State:** Oregon

**Date:** 8/29/20

**Incident Type:** Hit by Tree

**Description of the Incident:**

A contract firefighter on the White River Fire on the Mount Hood National Forest was struck by an approximately 24-inch diameter green tree when it fell unexpectedly. The incident occurred while hiking back to vehicles, and not immediately adjacent to the fire. The firefighter received a “glancing strike” and sustained fractured ribs, sternum and spinal injury. The patient was assessed and packaged on scene by IHC and Line EMTs and transported via ground ambulance to a hospital. Two days later, the patient was still in the hospital with a liaison assigned.

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