



United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
High Desert District
280 Highway 191
Rock Springs Wyoming, 82901



In Reply Refer to:

August 2, 2016

To: Mary Jo Rugwell
State Director, Wyoming

From: Eric Walker
Tokewanna Accident Investigation Team Lead

Subject: 72-Hour Preliminary Report

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Tokewanna Fire, near Mountain View, WY

Date of Occurrence: July 29, 2016

Time of Occurrence: Approximately 1615 Hrs MDT

Activity: Wildland Fire Suppression

Number of Injuries: 1

Number of Fatalities: 0

Property Damage (such as vessels, equipment, and structures): None

Narrative:

On the afternoon of July 29, 2016, a fire crew member from the Great Basin Smokejumpers was injured while scouting fireline on the Tokewanna Fire. Burn injuries were sustained to the hands, thighs, ears, nose and cheeks. The firefighter was transported by air ambulance to the Salt Lake Burn Center and admitted. The injured firefighter continues to work with the Salt Lake City Burn Center medical team to determine priorities for treatment while staying at a nearby lodging facility.

After consulting the BLM-WY Fire and Aviation Staff and BLM State Safety Officer, this incident is being deemed a "Wildland Fire Accident" as defined by the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (the Red Book) Chapter 18.

An Accident Investigation Team from outside the High Desert District is assembled and conducting interviews to identify root causes and learn from the events leading up to the accident to prevent future occurrences.

/s/ Eric Walker, Tokewanna Accident Investigation Team Lead

cc:

High Desert District, District Manager

BLM Wyoming Safety Manager

BLM Wyoming State Fire Management Officer

BLM Wyoming State Director