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Date: July 22, 2022

Subject: Initial Report: Aircraft Mishap on the Salmon-Challis National Forest

To: Regional Forester – Intermountain Region

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Moose Fire, Salmon-Challis National Forest, ID. Approximately 11 miles West of North Fork ID. 45° 23.9243 X 114° 10.0021

Date of occurrence: July 21, 2022

Activity: Wildland Fire Suppression – Moose Fire

Mission: Wildland Fire Suppression

Number of fatalities: 2

Property damage: Boeing CH-47D Chinook, destroyed

Narrative:

On Thursday, July 21st, a call when needed CH-47D Series Chinook Helicopter crashed into the Salmon River, adjacent to the Indianola Work Center approximately 11 miles west of North Fork, Idaho on the Moose Fire. The aircraft sustained severe damage, the pilots were extracted and transported to hospitals but both sustained fatal injuries. The NTSB has been notified and will be conducting an accident investigation. The USDA Forest Service has assigned a learning review team.

Submitted by,

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