

# USA Firefighter Fatality Notification

**The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) has received notice of the following firefighter fatality:**

Name: Brent M. Witham  
Rank: Firefighter  
Age: 29  
Gender: Male  
Status: Wildland Full-Time  
Years of Service: 6  
Date of Incident: 08/02/2017  
Time of Incident: Pending  
Date of Death: 08/02/2017

Fire Department: U.S. Forest Service  
Address: Northern Region (R1), 26 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, MT 59804  
Fire Department Chief: Thomas L. Tidwell

Incident Description: Firefighter Brent Witham was struck and killed by a falling tree while working on the Lolo Peak fire in Western Montana. Witham was given CPR and other emergency medical aid by fellow firefighters and was then airlifted to a hospital in Missoula, Montana. Despite all efforts, Witham passed away as a result of his injuries. Firefighter Witham was a member of the Vista Grande Hotshot crew based in Idyllwild, California.

Incident Location: McClain Creek area, south of Lolo, Montana