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**File Code:** 6730**Date:** August 9, 2017**Subject:** Firefighter Fatality Lolo Peak Incident: 72 Hour Report**To:** Lenise Lago, Designated Agency Safety and Health Official**Number and type of injuries:** One fatality**Name:** Brent M. Witham**Narrative:**

Brent Witham was assigned to the Lolo Peak Fire on the Lolo National Forest as a member of the Vista Grande Interagency Hotshot Crew, from the San Bernardino National Forest. On August 2, 2017 while conducting felling operations to prepare a fire line for potential burnout operations, Brent was struck while falling a tree. In spite of a very quick response by the IMT, his crew members, leadership and EMTs, a nearby interagency hotshot crew, contracted paramedics/EMTs and aviation resources, attempts to resuscitate Brent immediately following the impact were unsuccessful. The Missoula County Sheriff's Office places the time of death at 2:35 p.m.

A Coordinated Response Protocol (CRP)/ Learning Review Team in briefed with the Forest on Thursday, August 3, 2017. The team is conducting interviews with selected personnel to learn from this tragic event.

*/s/ William Avey*

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