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Subject: 24-Hour Preliminary Report

## **THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Location: Lake Christine Fire, Basalt, Colorado

Date of Occurrence: July 7th, 2018

Time of Occurrence: Approximately 1745

Activity: Wildland Fire Suppression

Number of Injuries: 1

Number of Fatalities: 0

Property Damage: Minor damage to Caterpillar D5M-LGP-Crawler Tractor (bulldozer)

Narrative: During extended attack on the Lake Christine Fire a D5M crawler tractor and another crawler tractor were tracking across the fire area (in the "black"). While cresting a marginal drop-off the D5M bulldozer rolled over approximately three times and came to a rest upright. The operator appeared to have lost consciousness during the rollover and the bulldozer continued to move in reverse, but was eventually stopped by the other bulldozer operator's actions.

Nearby fire crews provided medical care and initiated medical evacuation of the bulldozer operator by helicopter to a local hospital. The operator was later released from the hospital with minor injuries. The crawler tractor sustained some visible damage.

An interagency Lessons Learned Review (LLR) team is currently being assembled.

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