

Incident Name: Mountain Fire Payson Helitack Firefighter Valley Fever (2019)

State: Arizona

Date: 7/16/19

Incident Type: Medical Emergency (Valley Fever)

Description of the Incident:

A Payson Helitack Firefighter became ill on the Mountain Fire on the Tonto National Forest. The Firefighter drove to a local urgent care facility and later to a local hospital. Not getting better, he was referred to a hospital in Phoenix where the Firefighter was diagnosed with Valley Fever. The Firefighter was admitted and treated inpatient for 7 days. The Firefighter was then released, but, by August 10, had not returned to work. In addition, the Firefighter has not yet been successful in getting OWCP to accept the claim.

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