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Subject: Preliminary (24-Hour) Report – Mudd Fire Entrapment/Deployment Investigation

On August 23, 2006, approximately 5:41 p.m. a burnover and fire shelter deployment occurred involving a BLM type VI engine near mile marker 37 on State Route 225 located in Elko County, Nevada. While suppressing a wildfire two BLM firefighters left their fire engine due to a flat tire and received minor burns while deploying their fire shelters.

The incident occurred on the Mudd Fire; a multi jurisdictional wildfire shared by the Nevada Division of Forestry and the Bureau of Land Management. Both firefighters were evacuated from the fire scene by helicopter to a waiting Elko County ambulance for transportation to the Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital where both firefighters received treatment and released.

At the current time an investigation team and Critical Incident Stress Management personnel are being mobilized to the incident site and will issue a 72-Hour Report and a final report within the next 45 days.

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