

Incident Name: Bone Head Fire Insect Lodged in Throat (2020)

State: Idaho

Date: 8/24/20

Incident Type: Animal or Insects

Description of the Incident:

A helitack crewmember working on the Bone Head Fire on the Idaho Panhandle National Forest, accidentally swallowed a large insect which became lodged in throat, partially blocking the person's airway. A sting/bite or irritation from the insect's movement caused inflammation and compromised the airway. The patient quickly deteriorated—becoming near unresponsive. The patient was evaluated on scene by a U.S. Forest Service EMT, then transported via air ambulance to a hospital in Missoula, Mont. The patient was treated and released with a full recovery expected.

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