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MEMORANDUM

To: Laura Joss, Pacific West Regional Director

From: Steve Mietz, Superintendent, Great Basin National Park

CC: Bill Kaage, Dan Buckley, Matt Johnson, Martha Lee, Robin Wills, Susan Stewart, Ralph Rau, Larry Stewart, Shane Greer

Subject: 24-Hour Preliminary Report - Strawberry Fire

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Great Basin National Park
Date of Occurrence: August 13, 2016
Time of Occurrence: approximately 1600 hours
Local Agency Administrator: Steve Mietz
Activity: Fireline Operations
Number of Fatalities: 1
Property Damage: None
Narrative:

At approximately 1600 hours, a Lolo Interagency Hotshot crew member was hit by a falling tree, sustaining critical injuries. Line EMTs and paramedics assigned to the division responded and a short haul capable helicopter was launched. A short-haul extraction was initiated at 1730 and the injured firefighter was transported to helibase. Life Flight paramedics, in consultation with a physician in Ely, declared the firefighter deceased at 1746.

A Coordinated Response Protocol (CRP) Team and Learning Review Team (LRT) has been mobilized and will receive an in-briefing and delegation of authority at 1800 hours today.

//s// Steve Mietz
Superintendent, Great Basin National Park