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FROM : National Wildfire Coordinating Group

REPLY TO : NWCG@nifc.gov

DATE : 07/21/2006

SUBJECT : SAFETY BULLETIN : Little Venus Entrapment 24 Hr. Report

The attached 24-hour report describes the entrapment event that occurred on the Little Venus Fire, Shoshone National Forest, Wyoming.



24 hour report.doc



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Date: July 20, 2006

Route To:

Subject: Preliminary (24-hour—after the accident) Briefing

To: Richard Stem, Deputy Regional Forester, R2 (Resources)

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

A ten-person crew (Fire Use Module) deployed fire shelters, approximately 1630 hours on July 18, 2006, on the Little Venus Fire Southwest of Cody, Wyoming. The fire is located in the Venus Creek Drainage on the Shoshone National Forest, 30 miles west of Meeteeste, Wyoming. All crewmembers were safely evacuated from the fire. Crewmembers were evaluated at a local hospital for smoke inhalation, one crewmember had minor burns and all were subsequently released. Current fire size is estimated to be 20,100 acres.

Lightning ignited the fire on June 19, 2006. A decision was made at that time to manage this fire as a wildland fire-use for resource benefits fire. Strategy has now shifted to suppression due to the shelter deployment and threats to private land.

cc: Carlos Pinto, Regional Safety & Health Manager, R2
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