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FROM : National Wildfire Coordinating Group

REPLY TO : NWCG@nifc.gov

DATE : 07/05/2007

SUBJECT : SAFETY BULLETIN : Tahoe National Forest - Fire Shelter Deployment - 24 Hour Report

Attached is the 24 hour report released 6/29 regarding a fire shelter deployment on the Tahoe National Forest. Please see that it receives wide distribution within your agency. When available, other investigation documents, specifically the 72 Hour Report and the final Factual Report, will be posted on the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center database for reviews and investigations (<http://www.wildfirelessons.net/Reviews.aspx>).



24 hour Brief Angora shelter deployments.doc



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Date: June 27, 2007

Route To:

Subject: Preliminary (24-hour) Briefing

To: Bernie Weingardt, Regional Forester

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

Location: Angora Incident CA-TMU-11011, South Lake Tahoe, California

Date of occurrence: June 26, 2007

Time of occurrence: Approximately 1500 hours

Team leader: Ray Haupt

Mission: Fire Suppression

Activity: Holding Fireline

Number injured: 0

Number of fatalities: 0

Property damage: none

Narrative: An entrapment occurred on the Angora Incident at approximately 1500 hrs. on June 26, 2007. Two engine company crew members that were part of Strike Team 3630-C were cut-off from their engine due to numerous spot fires and increased activity from the main fire while engaged in spot fire suppression. Both crewmembers made it to a deployment site where they safely deployed their fire shelters. They remained in their fire shelters for approximately 30 to 45 minutes until two safety officers arrived and gave instructions for the two crew members to exit their shelters. They emerged uninjured and were transported to the local hospital for observation and further assessment they were released a short time later.

An Accident Prevention Analysis Team has been ordered and is en route to conduct a peer review of the events of this burnover. Further information will be available as the process continues.

cc:

Peter Tolosano, Acting Occupational Safety & Health Manager

