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**FROM :** National Wildfire Coordinating Group

**REPLY TO :** NWCG@nifc.gov

**DATE :** 07/09/2007

**SUBJECT :** SAFETY BULLETIN : West Basin Fire - Burnover - 24 Hour Report

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**Attached is the 24 hour report regarding a firefighter burnover on the West Basin Fire, NV. 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>).**



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## 24 Hour Report Burnover

**To:** Tom Boatner, Acting Deputy Fire Director, NIFC

**From:** Glenn Carpenter, Serious Accident Investigation Team Lead

**Subject:** Burnover with injury, West Basin Fire, Jackpot Nevada

**What:** Single burn injury.

**When:** July 7, 2007 11:17 AM PDT

**Narrative:** A Type II hand crew was assigned to the western flank of the West Basin Fire southeast of Jackpot, Nevada. While constructing hotline, the crew boss was scouting ahead of the crew. The crew boss went out of sight of the squad bosses and crew for a short time. Statements from the incident indicate erratic winds were affecting fire behavior in the Fuel Model 2 component. The crew boss radioed the squad bosses that the smoke was impacting his view of the fire and the location of the crew. The crew boss suffered burns to his face, arm and leg while working his way back to the crew. Radio communication indicated that the crew boss had been burned over and was injured. He was flown by a helicopter assigned to the incident to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and later transported to the University of Utah Burn Center for treatment. He was released July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 to his home unit.

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