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FROM : National Wildfire Coordinating Group

REPLY TO : NWCG@nifc.gov

DATE : 07/31/2007

SUBJECT : SAFETY BULLETIN : Ahorn Fire - Shelter Deployment - 24 Hour Report

Attached is the 24 hour report regarding a fire shelter deployment on the Ahorn Fire in Montana. 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>).



Ahorn Fire 24 Hour Report.doc



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Date: July 30, 2007

Route To:

Subject: 24 Hour Preliminary Report

To: Regional Forester, Region 1

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Lewis and Clark National Forest, Rocky Mountain Ranger District

Date of occurrence: July 28, 2007

Time of occurrence: Mid afternoon

Team leader: Tom Pettigrew, Regional Director of Engineering

Mission: Ahorn Fire

Activity: Fire suppression

Number injured: None

Number of fatalities: None

Property damage: None

Narrative:

Fire fighter had been positioned as a lookout on an unmanned division on the southern flank of the fire to observe several spot fires that had been burning for several days. Mid afternoon, fire behavior became more active as it had on previous afternoons. Later the fire fighter observed more extreme fire behavior and moved up escape route to previously identified safety zone. Later the fire fighter determined as a precaution it was appropriate to deploy and enter his fire shelter. The intense fire did not reach the fire fighter. He was not injured and was taken back to the incident command post.

TOM PETTIGREW
TEAM LEADER

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