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FROM : National Wildfire Coordinating Group

REPLY TO : NWCG@nifc.gov

DATE : 07/29/2008

SUBJECT : SAFETY BULLETIN : Eagle Fire, Iron Complex - 24 Hour Report

Attached is the 24 hour report regarding a firefighter fatality on the Eagle Fire, Iron Complex in California. 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/Home.aspx>).



24 Hour - Palmer Fatality Iron Complex 07262008.doc



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Date: July 26, 2007

Route To:

Subject: Fire Fighter Fatality, Eagle Fire Iron Complex; Preliminary 24-hour Briefing

To: Randy Moore, Regional Forester, R5

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Eagle Fire, Iron Complex, Trinity River Management Unit, Shasta-Trinity NF, California

Date of occurrence: July 25, 2008

Time of occurrence: Approximately 1700 hours

Mission: Securing a line as part of mop-up.

Activity: Felling a tree to secure the line.

Number injured: None

Number of fatalities: 1

Property damage: None

Narrative: While securing a fire line in mop-up operations on the Eagle Fire, Olympic National Park Firefighter Andrew Palmer died from injuries suffered as a result of a tree-falling operation. A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter medevaced Palmer to Redding to be treated for multiple injuries, but he died enroute. Firefighter Palmer, 18 years old, was based out of Port Angeles, Washington.

The Eagle Fire in the Iron Complex was one of about 150 fires started on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest on June 20 when a massive lightning storm struck northern California.

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