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FROM : National Wildfire Coordinating Group

REPLY TO : NWCG@nifc.gov

DATE : 09/19/2011

SUBJECT : SAFETY BULLETIN : 72-Hour Pagami Creek Entrapment/Fire Shelter Deployment Report

Attached is the 72-Hour Report for the Pagami Creek Entrapment/Fire Shelter Deployment investigation which occurred. Please see that it receives wide distribution within your agency. When available, other investigation documents, specifically the final Factual Report, will be posted on the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center database for incident reports and lessons learned analyses (<http://iirdb.wildfirelessons.net/main/Reviews.aspx>)



72-Hour Pagami Creek Entrapment_Fire Shelter Deployment Report.pdf



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Date: September 18, 2011

Route To:

Subject: 72-Hour Pagami Creek Entrapment/Fire Shelter Deployment Report

To: Regional Forester

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Superior National Forest, Kawishiwi Ranger District, Minnesota

Date of Occurrence: September 12, 2011

Time of Occurrence: Approximately 1230 hours

Activity: Wildfire - Type Two Incident Management Team

Number and type of injuries: Minor injuries

Property loss: Minor personal property

The following information comprises both the 24 and 72-hour preliminary report:

NARRATIVE:

On September 12, 2011, wilderness rangers/public safety employees were making contact with the recreating public to clear them from the campsites and lakes in the Boundary Water Canoe Wilderness, threatened by the Pagami Creek wildfire. At approximately 1200 hours due to increased fire activity, the wilderness rangers were forced to exit to a safe area.

During their exit, at approximately 1230 hours, six of the eight wilderness rangers deployed shelters to protect themselves from the smoke, heat, and fire brands produced by the plume-dominated fire. Two other employees were evacuated by aircraft as the fire closed on their location. Minor injuries and smoke inhalation were reported.

On September 14, 2011, a Facilitated Learning Analysis Team was dispatched to review the incident. A final report of the finding will be released through the Lessons Learned Center.

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