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SUBJECT : SAFETY BULLETIN : 24-Hour Montezuma Fire Fatality Report

Attached is the 24-Hour report for the Montezuma accident/investigation which occurred. 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 incident reports and lessons learned analyses

(<http://iirdb.wildfirelessons.net/main/Reviews.aspx>)



Montezuma_Fire_24_Hour_Report_Final.pdf



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PRELIMINARY (24-HOUR) REPORT

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LOCATION: Montezuma Fire, Sells, AZ

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: June 8, 2012

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: Approximately 0800 hours (Arizona Time)

TEAM LEADER (POSITION): Incident Commander, Type 3

ACTIVITY: Wildland Fire Suppression

NUMBER & TYPE OF INJURY: 1 Fatality, 2 hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries

NARRATIVE:

The Montezuma Fire located 20 miles southeast of Sells Arizona on the Papago Agency started on May 30th was 80% contained with an estimated size of 1700 acres on June 8th.

A Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Type IV engine with three personnel aboard were traveling south on a highway to the fire when the engine left the roadway and overturned. One individual was killed, and 2 were transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The two injured firefighters were treated and released.

A Critical Incident Stress Management and a Serious Accident Investigation Team have been ordered.

SUBMITTED BY: George Martinez, Acting Superintendent Papago Agency