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REPLY TO: NWCG@nifc.gov

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SUBJECT: SAFETY BULLETIN: 24-Hour Report-Holloway Fire Entrapment and Fire Shelter Deployment

Attached is the 24-Hour Report for the Holloway Fire accident 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)



24 Hour Report- Holloway Fire Entrapment and Shelter Deployment .pdf



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<u> 24 HOUR REPORT / BURN INJURY ON HOLLOWAY</u>

To: Amy Lueders, Nevada State Director Michael Mottice, Oregon State Director

Subject: 24 Hour Report- Holloway Fire Entrapment and Fire Shelter Deployment with Minor

Burn Injuries

The Following information is preliminary and is subject to change

LOCATION: Holloway Fire, 20 miles Northwest of McDermitt, Nevada

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: August 12, 2012

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: Approximately 1830 Hours

ACTIVITY: Wildland Fire Suppression

NUMBER OF INJURIES: 1

NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 0

PROPERTY DAMAGE: None

Narrative:

On August 12, 2012 at approximately 1830 hours, a member of the Zuni Interagency Hotshot Crew received minor burns to her arm and leg and suffered minor smoke inhalation after deploying her emergency fire shelter on the Holloway Fire in Oregon. The injury occurred on the northeast flank near Oregon Canyon Creek, 20 miles northwest of McDermitt, Nevada. The fire crew encountered extreme fire behavior including fire whirls, and were forced to retreat to a safety zone. During the retreat, one firefighter was separated from the rest of the Hotshot Crew and forced to deploy their shelter. The injured firefighter, who is a Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) employee, was evacuated by helicopter to the incident command post in Denio, NV and examined by paramedics assigned to the Holloway fire before being flown to the Humboldt General Hospital in Winnemucca, Nevada, where she was treated and released.

On August, 13, 2012, the firefighter was transported to the regional burn center in Salt Lake City, UT. This transport is precautionary and was based on the recommendation of the Winnemucca District Manager/Agency Administrator and the agency of the firefighter.

The remainder of the Hotshot Crew has been released from the Holloway Fire.

A critical incident stress management (CISM) team and an accident investigation (AI) team have been mobilized. -The 72-Hour Expanded report will be completed and posted through the NWCG Safety Alert System.

The Holloway Fire was started by lightning on August 5, 2012, and is being managed by a Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Team. Currently, the fire is 336,152 acres, is 48% contained, and has 585 personnel assigned.

/s/ Gene Seidlitz, Winnemucca District Manager

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