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**SUBJECT :** SAFETY BULLETIN : 72-Hour Report- Holloway Fire Entrapment and Shelter Deployment

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Attached is the 74-Hour Report for the Holloway accident 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 Report Holloway Fire Entrapment and Shelter Deployment.pdf

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## **72 HOUR REPORT / BURN INJURY ON HOLLOWAY FIRE**

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

**Subject:** 72 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 18:30 Hours

**ACTIVITY:** Wildland Fire Suppression

**NUMBER OF INJURIES:** 1

**NUMBER OF FATALITIES:** 0

**PROPERTY DAMAGE:** None

### **Narrative:**

#### Basic Facts

- The injured firefighter is a crewmember on the Zuni Interagency Hotshot Crew.
- The deployment and injury occurred on the northeast flank of the Holloway Fire near Oregon Canyon Creek, 20 miles northwest of McDermitt, NV
- The Zuni Interagency Hot Shot Crew encountered extreme fire behavior and was forced to retreat to a safety zone.
- During the retreat, a crewmember became separated from the crew and deployed their fire shelter.
- The crew was in communication with the firefighter in the shelter during the event.

- Injuries included minor (quarter-size) burns to a leg and forearm and minor smoke inhalation.
- The firefighter was evacuated by helicopter to Humboldt General Hospital (HGH) in Winnemucca, NV after being evaluated by paramedics at the incident command post in Denio, NV.
- She was treated and released from HGH Sunday (Aug. 12) night.
- The firefighter and her supervisor were transported to the regional burn center in Salt Lake City, UT on August 13 for further evaluation. This was precautionary and was based on the recommendation of the Winnemucca District Manager/ Agency Administrator and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- The firefighter was evaluated and released from the Burn Center on August 14 with no issues.

#### Additional information

- The investigation is underway. Interviews and a site assessment are being conducted.
- The Hot Shot crew has been pulled off the line and traveled to Winnemucca for rest.
- A Critical Incident Stress Management Team (CISM) is in place to provide counseling for anyone assigned to the Holloway Fire who may have witnessed or been impacted by the events surrounding the injury.
- The Holloway Fire was started by lightning on August 5, 2012, and was being managed by a Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Team at the time the deployment occurred. Currently, the fire is 432,378 acres, is 68% contained, and has 817 personnel assigned.

/s/ Gene Seidlitz, Winnemucca District Manager

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