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FROM : National Wildfire Coordinating Group

REPLY TO : NWCG@nifc.gov

DATE : 08/20/2012

SUBJECT : SAFETY BULLETIN : 72-Hour Report-Steep Corner Fire-Accident

Attached is the 74-Hour Report for the Steep Corner Fire 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-Steep Corner Fire-Accident .pdf



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Date: August 13, 2012

Route To:

Subject: 72 Hour Preliminary Report, Serious Accident Investigation, Steep Corner Fire
Firefighter Fatality, Nez Pierce/Clearwater NF

To: Lenise Lago, DASHO

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Nez Perce/Clearwater National Forest Service, North Fork Ranger District

Date and time of occurrence: August 12, 2012, 1300

Team leader: G. Sam Foster

Mission: Steep Corner Fire Suppression

Number of fatalities: One

Narrative:

A Forest Service firefighter from the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest was fatally injured on the Steep Corner Fire near Orofino, Idaho. The firefighter was hit by a falling tree while working on a section of the fire. The fire was burning in heavily timbered, steep canyon country on private and National Forest lands.

Clearwater Potlatch Timber Protective Association (CPTPA), located in Orofino, Idaho, was managing the suppression response. CPTPA is a local cooperative initial attack association responsible for fire suppression in this area. The Forest Service was cooperatively assisting in suppression of the fire.

A National Forest Service Accident Investigation Team is in place conducting a review to learn from the events leading up to this accident.

/s/ George S. Foster
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SAI Team Leader

cc: Tim Lynn

