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### **24 HOUR REPORT / BURN INJURY ON LIKELY FIRE**

**To:** Jim Kenna, California State Director

**Subject:** 24 Hour Report- Likely Fire Entrapment and with Minor Burn Injuries

**The Following information is preliminary and is subject to change**

**LOCATION:** Likely Fire, Northwest of Likely, California

**DATE OF OCCURRENCE:** September 5, 2012

**TIME OF OCCURRENCE:** Approximately 1430 Hours

**ACTIVITY:** Wildland Fire Suppression

**NUMBER OF INJURIES:** 3

**NUMBER OF FATALITIES:** 0

**PROPERTY DAMAGE:** Unknown

**Narrative:**

On September 5th, 2012 at approximately 1430 hours, three members of the CALFIRE Devils Garden Crew 4 received minor facial burns, resulting in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burns to their nose and face. The injuries occurred while actively cutting fireline on the Likely Fire, 20 miles south of Alturas, California. The fire crew encountered a wind shift causing numerous spot fires. The firefighters were trying to retreat to the black when their escape route was blocked by a barbed wire fence. All three personnel were transported via ground ambulance and treated and released at Modoc Medical Center in Alturas.

A Joint Accident Investigation Team comprised of BLM and CALFIRE subject matter experts is being deployed to complete a final report.

/s/ Nancy Haug, Northern California District Manager

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