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**Subject:** 24 - Hour Report, Shelter Deployment, Black Hills National Forest

**To:** Regional Forester

Two members of a Black Hills National Forest crew involved in a burnout operation early on July 8, 2007 deployed a shelter when a sudden wind shift and increased wind speed, triggered a fire behavior change in flashy fuels. Both individuals were admitted to the Rapid City Regional Hospital in South Dakota. The first firefighter was released from the hospital after observation and treatment for superficial burns to one side of his face, arm, and lower leg. The second firefighter sustained a superficial burn to his face and first and second degree burns to his knee and both his hands.

The fire as of 12 noon on July 8, 2007 had burned approximately 400 acres on NFS lands and 3,000 acres on private land. The entrapment occurred on private land.

The Washington Office has verbally delegated the accident investigation to Region 2. A serious accident investigation team is being deployed to the Black Hills on July 8, 2007.

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