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To: Forest Supervisor, Boise NF

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

On the morning of July 24, 2007, two members of the Silver State Interagency Hotshot Crew (IHC) were struck by a hazard tree(s) that fell while they working as a crew constructing fireline on the Trapper Ridge Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident. The injured employees were promptly transported via LifeFlight Air Ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho, where they were both examined and treated for their injuries. The hospitals released the two injured firefighters that day and they will return to their crew under light duty status.

The lightning-caused Trapper Ridge wildland fire use for resources benefits started on July 17, 2007, is located approximately 28 miles NNE of Idaho City, Idaho under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service, Intermountain Region, Boise National Forest. At the time of the accident, the fire was estimated at 10,884 acres with approximately 82 personnel assigned to the Rocky Mountain Area Fire Use Management Team 1.

The Silver State IHC is a Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (Nevada BLM) Type I – 20-person (hotshot) wildland firefighting hand crew, stationed at the Carson City Field Office in Carson City, Nevada.

An interagency accident review team has been assigned and is working to establish the facts surrounding this hazard tree-related incident. The intent of this review is to provide the wildland firefighting community lessons learned and recommendations for situational awareness and prevention purposes.

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