

## **72 Hour Preliminary Report Cover Letter and Format**

To: Tom Nichols, Designated Agency Safety and Health Official, Wildland Fire  
From: Charles Hester, Resource and Visitor Protection, GRSM  
Subject: 72 Hour Report, Lynn Hollow

### **THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**LOCATION:** Great Smoky Mountains National Park (Lynn Hollow)

**DATE OF OCCURRENCE:** November 7, 2009

**TIME OF OCCURRENCE:** ~ 1300 hours

**TEAM LEADER (POSITION):** Chuck Hester, Resource and Visitor Protection Ranger, GRSM

**ACTIVITY:** Hazard fuels reduction (felling snags)

**NUMBER & TYPE OF INJURIES:** One, non-life threatening

#### **NARRATIVE:**

On November 7, 2009 a contract sawyer was struck by a falling limb while performing fuels reduction work in GRSM. On-site personnel treated the patient while awaiting additional assistance to extricate him. The patient was transported to a nearby hospital where he was treated and released.

An After Action Review was conducted November 8, 2009 with the Park FMO and the contract crew. Another discussion on safety was conducted on November 9<sup>th</sup> as well. After reviewing felling JHA's the crew returned to work.

An interagency investigation team was assembled and briefed on the incident November 10, 2009. They visited the accident site and conducted interviews of personnel involved with the incident. Information gathering continues.

The injured firefighter has returned to duty and is expected to finish the tour of work in the Southeast.

cc:

SER ARD-Operations

SER Chief Ranger

SER FMO

NPS FMPC Fire Safety and Prevention Program Manager

GRSM Superintendent

GRSM Deputy Superintendent