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24 Hour Preliminary Report for New York Peak Fire

To: Designated Agency Safety and Health Official (DASHO)

Subject: Preliminary Report (24 Hour)

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO
CHANGE

LOCATION: Denio, NV

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: July 24, 2006

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: approximately 5 p.m.

TEAM LEADER: Ed Singleton, Albuquerque District Office Manager

ACTIVITY: El Dorado Hot Shots responded to the New York Peak fire around 2 p.m. on Tuesday and were conducting burn out activities near Leonard Ranch near Denio Junction in NV. At approximately 5 p.m. a vortex developed suddenly and three fire fighters received serious burn injuries. They were evacuated by air ambulance and hospitalized. One firefighter was treated and released from Humboldt General Hospital in Winnemucca. Two other firefighters were flown to Lion's Burn Care Center at the University Medical Center in Las Vegas. Three additional firefighters were later treated for minor burns locally and released. An Entrapment/Burnover Investigation Team was activated on Tuesday night and arrived on Wednesday to begin investigating the incident. The team consists of both BLM and Forest Service employees. A 72 hour report will follow with more details.

NUMBER OF INJURIES: 6 – 2 employees were hospitalized and 4 employees were treated and released.

NUMBER OF FATALITIES: none

PROPERTY DAMAGE: none

Cc:
BLM Safety Manager
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