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FROM : National Wildfire Coordinating Group

REPLY TO : NWCG@nifc.gov

DATE : 01/29/2007

SUBJECT : SAFETY BULLETIN : Motor Vehicle Accident 24 Hour Report

Attached is the 24 hour report released Friday regarding a fatal motor vehicle accident on the Francis Marion National Forest. Please see that it receives wide distribution within your agency. When available, other investigation documents, specifically the 24 Hour Report and the final Factual Report, will be posted on the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center database for reviews and investigations (

<http://www.wildfirelessons.net/Reviews.aspx>).



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Route To:

Subject: Preliminary (24-hour Briefing)

To: Mark Eaton, Acting Regional Safety Manager

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Witherbee RD; Francis Marion NF, Region 8

Team leader: Andrew Colaninno

Date of occurrence: January 25, 2007

Time of occurrence: 8:20 PM

Mission: Returning to the district office after conducting smoke patrol on a prescribed burn.

Activity: Driving on a paved, two lane road.

Number injured: N/A

Number of fatalities: Fatalities (2)

Property damage: Both vehicles involved in the accident were destroyed

Narrative:

A vehicle and a tractor trailer truck collided on a two lane state highway on the Francis Marion NF. The impact caused an explosion resulting in both vehicles being destroyed. Each vehicle was occupied by the drivers only and both drivers died at the scene.

A Regional Safety Investigation Team has been activated.

cc: Orlando Sutton, District Ranger

cc: Jerome Thomas, Forest Supervisor

