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FROM : National Wildfire Coordinating Group

REPLY TO : NWCG@nifc.gov

DATE : 07/05/2007

SUBJECT : SAFETY BULLETIN : Gallatin National Forest - Entrapment - 24 Hour Report

Attached is the 24 hour report released today regarding an entrapment on the Gallatin National Forest. Please see that it receives wide distribution within your agency. When available, other investigation documents, specifically the 72 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>).



24 Hour Report - Gallatin Madison Arm Fire Entrapments.doc



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Date: June 29, 2007

Route To:

Subject: 24 Hour Preliminary Report

To: Regional Forester, Region 1

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Gallatin National Forest, Hebgen Lake Ranger District

Date of occurrence: June 27, 2007

Time of occurrence: Early evening

Team leader: Eric Johnston (Deputy Regional Director, Watershed, Wildlife, Fisheries and Rare Plants)

Mission: Madison Arm Fire

Activity: Fire suppression

Number injured: None

Number of fatalities: None

Property damage: Light damage to vehicles

Narrative:

Unexpected extreme fire behavior lead to an entrapment situation involving two Forest Service engines, chase rig, their crews and a contract bulldozer on a flat-bed when their escape route was blocked. Resources pulled back to an opening, began burning out light fuels, retreated to vehicles and immediately experienced a burn over.

cc:

Safety Manager (at the level authorizing the investigation)

