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SUBJECT: PARDEE FIRE FATALITY – PRELIMINARY 24 HOUR REPORT

To: Idaho Bureau of Land Management, State Director, Steve Ellis
Idaho Department of Lands, State Forester, David Groeschl

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Idaho - Bureau of Land Management - Coeur d'Alene District - Cottonwood Field Office – Pardee Fire

Date of Occurrence: July 8, 2013

Time of Occurrence: Approximately 1800 hours PDT

Reported by: Bruce Martinek

Activity: Fire Suppression

Mission: Dozer Line Construction

Number of fatalities: One

Narrative: Lightning sparked the Pardee Fire approximately 0700 hours on Monday July 8, 2013. The fire is located about 8 miles northwest of Kamiah, Idaho and burning within jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Idaho Department of lands (IDL) provides fire protection and suppression for the BLM under the Statewide Protection Offset agreement. A contract dozer and operator, Dennis Long, were engaged in line construction during initial attack. The Dozer Boss (DOZB) walked down the line following the equipment and found the dozer idling at the boundary of line construction. The operator was in the seat. The DOZB climbed on the machine to find the operator slumped behind the controls, the operator was non responsive. Emergency Medical Services “Life Flight” was dispatched to the fire. The DOZB performed CPR on the operator before Life Flight and emergency medical services (EMS) arrived. The operator was pronounced dead at the scene by EMS personnel. Location of the fire and site of the fatality are under BLM jurisdiction. IDL and the BLM are conducting a joint Interagency Serious Accident Investigation.

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