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To: Peter Ditton, Assistant Director, Fire and Aviation Directorate
From: Michael S. Mottice /s/
Associate State Director, Oregon/Washington
Subject: 24-Hour Preliminary Report, Big Windy Complex Serious Accident

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Bear Camp Road, approximately 5 miles west of Galice, Oregon, Medford District
BLM under ODF Protection Contract

Date of Occurrence: August 6, 2013

Time of Occurrence: 7:20 a.m. Pacific Time Zone

Local Agency Administrator: John Raby, acting

Activity: Wildland Fire Suppression

Number of Injuries: 0

Number of Fatalities: 1, Jesse Trader, 19 years of age

Property Damage: Contract water tender substantially damaged

Narrative: Night operational period resources had completed their fireline work assignments and were released to travel back to the Incident Command Post at approximately 0700. The route from the fireline to the highway is a narrow, winding, paved mountain road with a steep downhill grade for approximately 3 miles. Toward the bottom of the downgrade, the water tender impacted a cut bank next to the road and rolled onto its top. An advanced life support ambulance with a paramedic on board, was called and reached the scene within 7 minutes. The paramedic on scene pronounced the driver deceased.

cc:

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