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Date: April 28, 2007

Subject: Preliminary (24-hour—after the accident) Briefing

To: Regional Forester

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Pack Creek Prescribed Fire, Moab District, Manti-La Sal National Forest

Date of occurrence: April 27, 2007

Time of occurrence: 10:15 AM

Mission: Supporting Prescribed Fire

Activity: Preparing firing equipment for operation

Number injured: 1

Number of fatalities: 0

Property damage: None

Narrative: On Friday morning, April 27, 2007 a Mesa Verde National Park employee was injured at approximately 1015 hours (10:15AM) while diagnosing the mechanical operation a terra torch. The terra torch was staged and preparing for a prescribed fire on the Moab District of the Manti-La Sal National Forest. The injury was to the victim's right ring finger and resulted in a distal digit amputation to his right ring finger and causing tendon damage in another finger. The employee was stabilized by qualified emergency medical personnel and transported to the local hospital.

CC: R4, REGIONAL SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH MANAGER

