

**24 Hour Preliminary Report
Crandall Ranger Station Tree Felling Accident**

To: **Designated Agency Safety and Health Official (DASHO)**

Subject: Preliminary (24 Hour) Report

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO
CHANGE**

LOCATION: Crandall Ranger Station, Shoshone National Forest, Park County, WY

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: September 14, 2010

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 1445 MDT

LOCAL AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR OR TEAM LEADER: Dave Pieper, Acting Forest Supervisor

ACTIVITY: Hazard tree felling near Forest Service administrative site

NUMBER OF INJURIES: 1

NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 0

PROPERTY DAMAGE (such as to vessels, equipment, and structures): None

INCIDENT SUMMARY: Fire crewmember was cutting hazard trees near a Forest Service administrative site. Individual was cutting a spruce tree and fell down while exiting the cutting area to the escape route. The tree that was being felled hit another tree and slid backwards onto the faller pinning him against the ground. Two nearby crewmembers witnessed the incident and took immediate action to free the pinned faller and activate pre-planned emergency response protocols with the zone dispatch center. A ground ambulance was dispatched immediately and an air ambulance was ordered and dispatched. Injured crewmember received first aid at the scene from co-workers and local first responder unit. Additional assessment and preparation for transport by air ambulance was provided by ground ambulance EMTs. Injured crewmember was transported to West Park Hospital in Cody by air ambulance and is being treated for back injuries. Employee is likely to be released from the hospital in a couple days and is expected to recover fully from the accident.

cc:

Safety Manager

Official Case File

Office of Fire and Aviation Safety Manager (if a fire accident)