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72 HOUR REPORT/BURN INJURY ON MM71 I84 FIRE

To: Meagan Conry, Boise District Manager (acting)
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From: Thomas M. Hayes, Accident Investigation Team Lead

Subject: 72 Hour Report Burn Injury, MM71 I84 Fire

LOCATION: MM71 I84, Southeast of Boise

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: August 23, 2012

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: Approximately 1500 Hours

ACTIVITY: Wildland Fire Suppression

NUMBER OF INJURIES: 1

NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 0

PROPERTY DAMAGE: None

Narrative: The MM71 I84 Fire started Southeast of Boise, Idaho on August 23, 2012 at approximately 13:42. The Boise District BLM initial attacked the fire.

At approximately 15:00, a Boise District firefighter received 2nd degree burns to his wrists and elbows while performing mobile attack, from the back behind the main flame front of the fire. The burns were caused by residual radiant heat encountered while holding the hardline (engine hose) above his shoulder. This action caused the firefighter's sleeve length to shorten exposing unprotected skin on his wrists and tightening the fabric against his elbows. Initially the firefighter was unaware of the severity of his burns and didn't report the incident. Once the fire was in mop-up status he notified his immediate supervisor of the injury and EMS protocols were initiated.

The firefighter was transported by incident personnel to St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise Idaho, where he was treated and released on August 23, 2012. A Wildland Fire Accident Investigation Team has been assembled and is currently in place.

cc:

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