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Route To:

Subject: Preliminary 24-hour Briefing of Water Tender Roll Over
Day Fire

To: Gloria D. Brown, Forest Supervisor
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Day Fire, Los Padres Forest, California

Date of occurrence: October 4, 2006

Time of occurrence: 1550 Hours

Team leader: Dave Edgar

Mission: Fire suppression road rehabilitation.

Activity: Supporting a road grading operation.

Number injured: 1 minor

Number of fatalities: None

Property damage: Major damage (possible total loss).



Narrative: At approximately 1550 hours on October 4, 2006 a contracted water tender assigned to the Highway 33 Rehabilitation Group drove off the side of the road, and rolled over approximately five times until it came to a stop 165 feet below the road. The accident occurred on the Nordoff Ridge Road (5N08), approximately 1 mile east of the Sisar Rd (4N15). The water tender sustained major damage. The operator was ejected from the cab on the second or third revolution. The operator received minor injuries including cuts and bruises. He was transported via Ventura County Air Squad to Ventura County Medical Center. He was treated and released. The investigation is continuing.

/s/ David C. Edgar
Team Leader

cc: Robert G. Rivelle, Team Member, Don Feser, Incident Commander, CIIMT-1, David D. Kerr, Los Padres Acting Forest Fires Management Officer, Peter Tolosano, Regional Fire Safety Officer

