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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

Preliminary Summary Report of Serious CAL FIRE Injuries, Illnesses, Accidents and Near-Miss Incidents



Dozer Rollover

July 6, 2014

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Monticello Incident

14CALNU005465

California Northern Region

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SYNOPSIS

The following is a Preliminary Summary Report of an incident that occurred during the suppression of a major wildland fire. A CAL FIRE dozer constructing fire line in steep and rugged terrain rolled over several times, causing injury to the operator and damage to the dozer.

NARRATIVE

On July 6, 2014, at approximately 1320 hours, a CAL FIRE dozer was operating on Division M of the Monticello Incident. The dozer was working sidehill, constructing fire line in steep terrain. The dozer became unstable and rolled at least two times coming to rest on its tracks in a small drainage below. The operator sustained a head injury and a possible loss of consciousness.

Fire line personnel immediately responded to assist and treat the operator. A CAL FIRE helicopter performed a hoist rescue. The operator was transferred to a waiting medevac helicopter and was transported to a trauma center for evaluation. The operator was released from the hospital later that evening.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVIEW

- ✓ All personnel should review emergency procedures outlined in the ICS 206, Medical Plan.
- ✓ Firefighters should review the special hazards when working in steep terrain and around heavy equipment.
- ✓ Ensure **SITUATIONAL AWARENESS** at all times.