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

Preliminary Factual Findings: On Monday, June 25th, smokejumpers were dispatched by the Gila National Forest to the Gila Wilderness Area to support management of the Woodland Fire Use. Two smokejumpers were injured during the jump.

Narrative: The smokejumper mission was to assist with structure protection of the historic Pryor Cabin and to conduct lookout operations for the Yellowstone Fire Use Module on the Woodland Wildland Fire Use. During the mission, at approximately 11:45 a.m., two smokejumpers were injured when their parachute canopies collided above the ground. One smokejumper sustained minor injuries, was given first aid, and required no further medical treatment. The other sustained multiple injuries and was transported by helicopter to Gila Regional Medical Center in Silver City, NM. After initial medical assessment at the hospital in Silver City, the patient was transported by helicopter to a trauma center in El Paso, Texas.

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