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24 HOUR REPORT / BURN INJURY ON LIKELY FIRE

To: Jim Kenna, California State Director

Subject: 24 Hour Report- Likely Fire Entrapment and with Minor Burn Injuries

The Following information is preliminary and is subject to change

LOCATION: Likely Fire, Northwest of Likely, California

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: September 5, 2012

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: Approximately 1430 Hours

ACTIVITY: Wildland Fire Suppression

NUMBER OF INJURIES: 3

NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 0

PROPERTY DAMAGE: Unknown

Narrative:

On September 5th, 2012 at approximately 1430 hours, three members of the CALFIRE Devils Garden Crew 4 received minor facial burns, resulting in 1st and 2nd degree burns to their nose and face. The injuries occurred while actively cutting fireline on the Likely Fire, 20 miles south of Alturas, California. The fire crew encountered a wind shift causing numerous spot fires. The firefighters were trying to retreat to the black when their escape route was blocked by a barbed wire fence. All three personnel were transported via ground ambulance and treated and released at Modoc Medical Center in Alturas.

A Joint Accident Investigation Team comprised of BLM and CALFIRE subject matter experts is being deployed to complete a final report.

/s/ Nancy Haug, Northern California District Manager

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