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To: Tim Murphy, Acting State Director

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Subject: 24 Hour Preliminary Report – Richfield Fire Wildland Fire Accident

The following information is preliminary and subject to change

Location: Richfield Fire, 5 Miles Southwest of Richfield, Idaho

Date of Occurrence: 07/16/2014

Time of Occurrence: Approximately 1215 hrs MDT

Activity: Wildland Fire Suppression

Number of Injuries: 0

Number of Fatalities: 0

Property Damage: 1989 Type 4 International Engine – Complete Loss

Narrative: At approximately 1138 hours on 07/16/2014 a rural type 4 fire engine from the Richfield, Idaho Rural Fire Department (RFD) responded to a fire reported to be on private land approximately 5 miles Southwest of Richfield, Idaho along highway 26. BLM resources were also dispatched to the fire as it was reported to be adjacent to BLM land. BLM engine 2405 arrived at the fire at 1156 hours, first on scene, and was unable to make positive contact with the Richfield RFD.

BLM resources engaged the southwest corner of the fire utilizing direct attack. At approximately 1215 hours BLM discovered that a Richfield RFD engine was attempting to engage the northeast corner of the fire was stuck and needed assistance. A type four BLM engine attempted to assist the Richfield RFD engine however the Richfield engine was wedged on a large rock and the fire was spreading towards the disabled engine. The RFD crew was unable to get the engine unstuck or protect the equipment before it was engulfed by the fire. The RFD crew withdrew to a nearby safety zone and was uninjured.

An Accident Investigation team has been ordered.