

24-Hour Report of Tallahassee Burnover Incident, Florida Division of Forestry

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Date of Report: 7/28/2006

Location: Hickory Hammock and Beaver Rd. on private land (Section 25, Township 6 South, Range 4 West)

Date of Occurrence: 7/27/06

Time of Occurrence: Approximately 1800 hours

Mission: Wildland Fire Suppression – Line Construction

Number Injured: One

Number of Fatalities: None

Narrative: Yesterday a Forest Ranger in the Tallahassee District was involved in a burn-over incident. The ranger was plowing on the right flank of the fire in an enclosed cab JD650 when she was overtaken by smoke. Unable to see, the ranger got the tractor hung up on some trees and was burned over while in the tractor cab. With assistance from other personnel on the scene she exited the tractor. After exiting the tractor and moving toward the safety zone, the ranger fell forward. She landed on her hands and suffered second degree burns on one hand and minor burns on the other hand and face. The ranger was airlifted to the hospital where she is listed in stable condition and should be released sometime today.

A Wildland Fire Review team has been assembled and will begin its investigation today.

Submitted By: Ira Jolly, Chief, Forest Protection Bureau, Florida Division of Forestry