

SOUTH CENTRAL OREGON FIRE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP

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8/18/2016

To: Ron Dunton, State Director BLM

From: Edith (ELynn) Burkett, District Manager



Subject: 24-Hour Preliminary Report, Withers Incident

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Lakeview District - Bureau of Land Management

Date of Occurrence: 8/17/2016

Time of Occurrence: 2330 Pacific Time Zone

Local Agency Administrator or Team Leader: Edith (ELynn) Burkett

Activity: Wildland Fire

Number of Injuries: 0

Number of Fatalities: 0

Property Damage: Heat Damage to Vehicle

Narrative: At approximately 2330 hrs a Forest Service engine crew was conducting a burnout operation in light, flashy fuels. An unexpected wind shift occurred which caused the fire to outflank the engine. While trying to exit the area the engine suffered heat damage based on poor visibility and a slow egress from the area. No injuries occurred.

cc: Jim Pena, Regional Forester

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