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Medicine Bow – Routt National Forests
and Thunder Basin National Grassland

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File Code: 6730
Route To:

Date: August 13, 2013

Subject: Preliminary 72-hour Accident Briefing

To: Regional Forester, R2

Location: Wyoming Highway 450 between Wright and Newcastle

Date of occurrence: August 8, 2013

Time of occurrence: 1200 hours

Mission: Responding to wildfire report in the area.

Activity: Driving eastbound on Wyoming State Highway 450

Equipment: 2013 Kovatch Mobile Equipment (KME) Type 4 wildland engine.

Number injured: Three

Number of fatalities: None

Property damage: Type 4 wildland engine totaled

Narrative: A type 4 wildland engine, traveling east along Wyoming State Highway 450, lost control and rolled over, approximately 10 miles east of the Thunder Basin work center. The engine, with a complement of three fire personnel, was responding to a smoke report near Newcastle, WY.

Following the accident, two personnel were transported by ambulance to Newcastle, WY and one by ambulance with life-flight assistance, to Casper, WY. Two personnel were released on the same day (August 8, 2013), while the third individual was released on Saturday, August 10, 2013.

Accident investigations are being conducted by Wyoming Highway Patrol (including an accident reconstruction analysis) and Forest Service law enforcement.

A Facilitated Learning Analysis (FLA) team is on-site and has completed an in-briefing and delegation by the Regional Forester. The FLA team is conducting interviews, reviewing the accident site and assessing information from the accident.

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