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To: Jeff Rose, District Manager
From: Jacob Gear, Team Leader
Subject: 72-Hour Expanded Report, Neals Hill Incident

Number and Type of Injuries:

The Skidgine operator was evaluated by incident medical personnel and released.

Narrative:

On August 7th at approximately 16:00, skidgine E2 was involved in a roll over incident while conducting mop-up operations on the Neals Hill incident. The skidgine was working in Division A, on the south end of the incident assisting a Type 2 crew in mop-up operations. The skidgine and crew had just completed mopping up a hotspot and were repositioning to move to another spot. While attempting to reposition on the hill the skidgine kicked out a large rock from its right rear tire causing it to lose balance. The operator immediately tried to use its front blade to stabilize the machine to no avail. Witnesses described the skidgine rolling over approximately four to five times before coming to rest on its side. The operator was able to safely exit the Skidgine without assistance.

Action Taken to Date:

In compliance with BLM policy, an accident investigation team was delegated to look into contributing factors to this accident.

//s// Jacob Gear

cc: Barry Bushue, OR&WA State Director

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