

## **72 Hour Report**

### **Ridge Top Fire Entrapment**

**To:** Joe Kraayenbrink, Idaho Falls District Manager

Dean Fox, Fort Hall Agency Superintendent

**Subject:** 72-Hour report

**Date:** July 31, 2012

#### **THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**LOCATION:** Ridge Top Fire, Fort Hall Indian Reservation

**DATE OF OCCURRENCE:** July 28, 2012

**TIME OF OCCURRENCE:** Approximately 1830 Hours

**ACTIVITY:** Wildland Fire Suppression

**NUMBER OF INJURIES:** 1

**NUMBER OF FATALITIES:** 0

**PROPERTY DAMAGE:** Minor heat damage to ATV

**INCIDENT SUMMARY:** The Ridge Top Fire started on July 27, 2012 following thunderstorm activity across the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. During suppression efforts on July 28, 2012, a BLM firefighter received serious but non-life threatening burn injuries while operating an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) on dozer line adjacent to the active fire. The firefighter was transported by ambulance to a local hospital and subsequently referred to the University of Utah Hospital Burn Center in Salt Lake City. The firefighter was treated for first and second degree burns and released on July 29, 2012.

A Wildland Fire Accident Investigation Team was requested by the Idaho Falls District Manager and Fort Hall Agency Superintendent. The Accident Investigation Team has determined that this event met the definition of an entrapment.

Steve Shaw, Accident Team Leader

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BLM Idaho State Director

BLM Fire and Aviation Directorate Chief of Fire Operations