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To: Shaun Sanchez, Forest Supervisor, Santa Fe National Forest

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Subject: 72-Hour Expanded Report – Laguna Fire Dozer Entrapment

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Laguna Fire, Division Bravo, Coyote Ranger District, 8 miles north of New Mexico State Road 96 and west of the Chama River Canyon Wilderness.

Date of Occurrence: July 12, 2025

Time of Occurrence: Approximately 1430 MDT

Activity: Fire Suppression

Number of Injuries: None

Number of Fatalities: None

Property Damage: N/A

Narrative: At approximately 1430 MDT on July 12th, firefighters were engaged in suppression activities on Division Bravo of the Laguna Fire on the Santa Fe National Forest. Strong outflow winds from a passing thunderstorm caused rapid fire growth in the area where a dozer was working, and two firefighters, the dozer Operator and the Heavy Equipment Boss (HEQB), became entrapped. Due to fire behavior, the firefighters deployed their fire shelters and remained inside until they deemed that it was safe to come out. The two firefighters were later evaluated and cleared by incident medical personnel who determined no significant injuries.

After learning more information about the potential gravity of the situation, it was decided that a Facilitated Learning Analysis (FLA) process would be used in place of an RLS, as was noted in the 24-Hour Report. The FLA team will be mobilizing this week to begin their work towards gaining a better understanding of the circumstances in order to reduce the chances of similar future occurrences.

Cc: Michiko Martin, Anthony Madrid, Jake Nuttall, Harold Riggs, Ryan Myers, Terrance Gallegos