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Subject: 72 Hour Follow-up Report

To: Region 5 Regional Forester; Kathy Allen, Six Rivers Acting Forest Supervisor

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Orleans Complex, Six Rivers National Forest

Date of occurrence: July 18, 2025

Time of occurrence: 1415 PCT

Activity: Fire suppression, line construction

Number injured: 3

Narrative: On July 18, 2025 a Region 5 IHC was working on the Butler Fire as part of the Orleans Complex. The crew was engaged in direct attack working up hill, adjacent to the black. As the crew boss was working their way up the line with supplies, he "bumped by" a crew member and started to see a tree in the black falling towards the crew. As he yelled "tree!" several fire fighters rushed out of the way, however the tree directly struck a crew member. Two other crew members were struck by other branches from the falling tree.

Initially 2 Reds and 1 yellow were reported to ICP from the IWI. Adjacent resources began to immediately work through the IWI process and provide for extraction and care. One of the Reds was downgraded to a yellow and the decision to transport that Yellow and the confirmed Red to Redding was made as part of medical plan. The remaining yellow was seen at ICP for injuries and concurrently released.

Due to the serious nature of the accident, Regional and Forest Leadership are working with the WO to initiate an FLA. This supplemental report is intended to provide timely and factual information as it becomes available. Further details and information will be released through the review process. Patient information is not being released at this time to protect the individuals privacy at this time. Additional CARE Team support through CAP/CISM is being provided to the incident and impacted personnel.

/s/ Heath Bell, Regional Risk Management Officer

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