

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) has received notice of the following firefighter fatality:

Firefighter/Sawyer Ruben Gonzalez Romero

United States Forest Service - Region 6

Portland, Oregon

Firefighter/Sawyer Ruben Romero was serving as a sawyer on a Type 2 crew with TJ Forestry Contracting LLC. While actively involved in suppression of the Bivens Creek Fire in Montana, Firefighter/Sawyer Romero suffered a cardiovascular event. Rapid medical assistance was rendered from a line paramedic. Resuscitation attempts, however, were unsuccessful and Firefighter/Sawyer Romero passed away.

Age: 64

Sex: Male

Classification: Wildland Contract

Years of service: 20

Date of incident: Aug. 24, 2025

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