

Rapid Lesson Sharing

Event Type: UTV Tip Over

Date: August 12, 2025

Location: Monroe Canyon Fire
Fishlake National Forest, Utah

The Story and Lessons From this UTV Accident

On August 12, 2025, a Safety Officer on the Monroe Canyon Fire in Utah's Fishlake National Forest responded to a UTV accident. The UTV driver, a Resource Advisor, was returning from a reconnaissance mission for repair work on Division Delta when his rented UTV hit loose gravel in a turn and tipped on a county road.

The Heavy Equipment Boss (HEQB) was up ahead of him in his UTV when he got a call from the Resource Advisor, stating that he had tipped his UTV onto its side. The driver was uninjured and there were no passengers. The UTV sustained a broken taillight and scratched the bed and front panel.

Lessons

*This incident is a great reminder
that things can happen even on innocuous parts of a fire.*

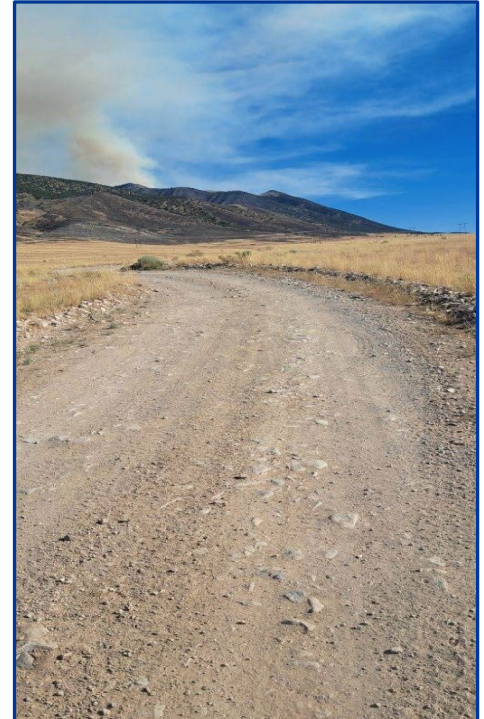
- ❖ Reduce speeds while driving to ensure that control of UTV can always be maintained.
- ❖ Inspect equipment for safe operation. (For example: worn tires may contribute to accidents.)
- ❖ Even on a well-traveled gravel roads your UTV can tip over.
- ❖ Allow dust to clear for visibility when traveling down dirt roads.
- ❖ Always be prepared to administer first aid when you are out on the fireline.

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Top – The dirt road where this incident occurred. Bottom – The UTV's broken taillight. Photos provided by the Line Safety Officer.