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Willamette National Forest

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**Date:** September 12, 2025

**Subject:** 72-Hour Report

**To:** Jacque Buchanan, R6 Regional Forester

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

LOCATION: Middle Fork Ranger District, Willamette National Forest

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: September 8, 2025, approximately 1200

ACTIVITY: Wildland Fire

NUMBER OF INJURIES: One

NARRATIVE: On September 8, 2025, the Region 6 Zigzag IHC was working on the Emigrant Fire on the Willamette National Forest. The crew was engaged in firefighting efforts on Division M when a crewmember sustained significant injuries from a tree strike. The firefighter was transported to a nearby hospital and is currently receiving care.

Patient information is not being released at this time to protect the individual's' privacy. A regional response team with national support and a Care Team have been assembled to assist with the response to the incident and provide support to the impacted personnel.

Due to the serious nature of the incident, Regional and Forest Leadership are working with the WO to initiate a learning review. The supplemental report is intended to provide timely and factual information as it becomes available. Once the review has been completed, it will be made available through the Lessons Learned Center.

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Forest Supervisor

cc: Shane Jeffries, Regional Fire Director; R6, Matt Holmstrom, Regional Risk Management Officer R6; Dana Reid, Critical Incident Coordinator



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