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24-Hour Preliminary Report Big South Fork (BISO) Vehicle Accident

26 March 2026

To: Fire Director, U. S. Wildland Fire Service for the National Park Service
Subject: Preliminary (24-Hour) Report – BISO Vehicle Accident

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Big South Fork National Recreation Area (NRA), Stearns, KY

Date of Occurrence: 25 March 2026

Time of Occurrence: 1845 EDT

Activity: Prescribed Fire (RX)

Number of Injuries: 1 agency employee

Number of Fatalities: None

Property Damage: Agency vehicle, trailer, and UTV

Incident Summary: While returning from prescribed fire activities on the Bald Knob South RX in the Big South Fork NRA, a vehicle accident occurred on the Beech Grove Road, a county road. The driver was the sole occupant of the pickup pulling a utility trailer with a UTV when the vehicle left the edge of the road and rolled onto its side. The driver was injured. Following extrication by other fire personnel, the individual was transferred to the hospital for care. The individual is in recovery after undergoing surgery on 26 March.

The McCreary County (KY) Sheriff's Office and Kentucky State Police are investigating the crash. An accident investigation and review team will be convened by the U. S. Wildland Fire Service.

cc: Deputy Director, Fire Operations, U. S. Wildland Fire Service
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