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Subject: 24 Hour Preliminary Report

To: Great Basin Geographic Area Leadership

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Widemouth 2 Fire, 12 miles south of Kanosh, UT

Date of occurrence: 8/7/2026

Time of occurrence: Approximately 10:41am

Activity: Fire suppression

Number of fatalities: 2 unconfirmed

Property damage: Sikorsky CH-54A Sky Crane, destroyed

Narrative:

On Friday, August 7, at 10:41 AM an exclusive use contracted Type 1 helicopter (CH-54A) Sky Crane was engaged in water dropping when contact was lost.

A mishap was confirmed and the aircraft was located. Based on the location of the mishap site, and the nature of the wreckage, initial rescue and recovery efforts were hampered by terrain, fire behavior and smoke.

The NTSB and FAA have been notified. The NTSB will lead the investigation with the FAA and Forest Service Aircraft Mishap Investigation Team assisting.

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