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Kisatchie National Forest
Southern Area
Geographic Area

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Route To:
Subject: 72 Hour Preliminary Report
To: Southern Area Geographic Area Leadership

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Location: Broken Creek Fire

Date of occurrence: 10/14/2026

Time of occurrence: Approximately 1415

Activity: Fire suppression

Number of injuries: One

Number of fatalities: One

Property damage: UTV

Narrative:
On Wednesday, October 14, during an Initial Attack response a tree strike to a UTV resulted in injuries to two occupants. One occupant was treated at the local hospital and released. One of the occupants suffered serious injuries. Tragically the firefighter later succumbed to their injuries and was pronounced deceased by the local coroner's office.

The Forest Service will provide Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), clinicians, and peer support to those who have been impacted by this situation. A CARE Team has been established, Honor Watch is ongoing, and Honor Guard is coordinating with the family liaison and the family on their wishes.

Regional and Forest Leadership are working with the WO to initiate a Lessons Learned Review to capture lessons that may emerge from this incident. This review will be conducted after memorial and funeral services are completed. Further details and information will be released through the review process, as the initial investigations are ongoing.

The local unit will be working with the Geographic Area for further support and backfill of positions as fire danger remains elevated.

Signed by Forest Supervisor

/s/
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