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Forest
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Region One

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File Code: 6730

Date: June 29, 2007

Route To:

Subject: 24 Hour Preliminary Report

To: Regional Forester, Region 1

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Gallatin National Forest, Hebgen Lake Ranger District

Date of occurrence: June 27, 2007

Time of occurrence: Early evening

Team leader: Eric Johnston (Deputy Regional Director, Watershed, Wildlife, Fisheries and Rare Plants)

Mission: Madison Arm Fire

Activity: Fire suppression

Number injured: None

Number of fatalities: None

Property damage: Light damage to vehicles

Narrative:

Unexpected extreme fire behavior lead to an entrapment situation involving two Forest Service engines, chase rig, their crews and a contract bulldozer on a flat-bed when their escape route was blocked. Resources pulled back to an opening, began burning out light fuels, retreated to vehicles and immediately experienced a burn over.

cc:

Safety Manager (at the level authorizing the investigation)

