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To: Kurt Pindel, District Manager /s/ Kurt Pindel

From: Tim Sampson, Team Leader

Subject: 72-Hour Expanded Report, Red Apple Incident

Number and Type of Injuries:

Engine Captain received 1st degree burns to his hands, neck, 2nd degree burns to his ear, and smoke inhalation. He was treated and evaluated by the local medical facility and released the same day.

Narrative:

The Red Apple Incident started just outside of Monitor Washington on July 13th around 19:00 and is currently under investigation. On July 15th at approximately 09:10, Engine 1 Captain was scouting line in Division Alpha on the West flank of the fire looking for locations to tie into the existing cold black. While Captain 1 was scouting, he had moved off the active fire edge to get some fresh air; soon after, the wind made a sudden shift and picked up in fire behavior. Captain 1 proceeded through the flaming front into solid black. He then made a notification to Division A over cell phone as his radio had been lost while moving into the black. Captain 1 then proceeded down the line back to the engine. When Captain 1 notified the local duty officer about what had happened, it was decided that he would be transported via the engine to the local hospital for evaluation.

Action Taken to Date:

In compliance with BLM policy, an accident investigation team was delegated to look into contributing factors to this accident.

//s// Tim Sampson

cc: Jeff Fedrizzi, State Fire Management Officer

Matt Holmstrom, Fire Risk Management Officer