

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) has received notice of the following firefighter fatality:

Name: Curtis Jessen

Rank: Assistant District Forester

Age: 32

Gender: Male

Status: Wildland Full-Time

Years of Service: 6

Date of Incident: 08/21/2008

Time of Incident: 1030hrs

Date of Death: 08/21/2008

Fire Department: North Carolina Division of Forest Resources

Address: NCDFR Region Three, 14 Gaston Mountain Road, Asheville, NC 28806
(USNG: 17S LV 5215 3410)

Map:

<http://www.fidnet.com/~jlmoore/usng/?zoom=16&usng=17SLV5215134103&disp=h>

Fire Department Chief: Regional Forester Greg Yates

Incident Description: Assistant District Forester Curtis Jessen suffered critical injuries after falling at least 50 feet from the Big Bradley Falls near Saluda, NC, while working an outdoor fire. The fire had been burning since the previous evening; authorities are investigating the circumstances surrounding the fatal accident and fire.

Incident Location: Big Bradley Falls near Saluda, NC (USNG: 17S LV 8253 0351)

Map View:

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