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Cedar Fire Shelter Deployment 24 Hour Report

TO: Bryan Bowker, Regional Director Western Region
FROM: Nona Tuchawena, Superintendent, Fort Apache Agency
SUBJECT: Cedar Fire Shelter Deployment 24 Hour Preliminary Report

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LOCATION: Cedar Fire

DATE OF OCCURANCE: June 28, 2016

TIME OF OCCURANCE: 1615

LOCAL AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: Nona Tuchawena, Fort Apache Agency Superintendent

ACTIVITY: Six members of the Navajo Interagency Hotshot Crew deployed fire shelters when a sudden change in fire activity occurred. They moved into a previously burned area and deployed their fire shelters. All of the firefighters were able to walk out of the fire area and were transported to Summit Healthcare in Show Low. They were treated and released that evening.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs initiated a Serious Accident Investigation Team, led by Jon Rollins, Chief Investigator, National Park Service. They will report to Western Region, Fort Apache Agency June 30. They will conduct a comprehensive investigation on contributing factors of the deployment.

NUMBER OF INJURIES: Six were evaluated for smoke inhalation

PROPERTY DAMAGE: Six fire shelters

RELATED SAFETY REVIEW TOPICS FOR FIELD USE: Not Known

cc: Robert Lacapa, Fort Apache Forest Manager ; Leon Ben, Western Regional Forester; Carlos Noise, Western Region Fire Management Officer; Aaron Baldwin, Branch Chief, Branch of Wildland Fire Management; Joel Kerley, Aviation & Safety Director, Dalan Romero, Fire Operations Director