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To: Jamie Connell, Oregon State Director

From: Elizabeth Burghard, District Manager

Subject: 24-Hour Preliminary Report

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Garner Complex, Graves Fire, Medford BLM

Date of Occurrence: July 31st, 2018

Time of Occurrence: Approximately 1830

Activity: Wildland Fire Suppression

Number of Injuries: 1

Number of Fatalities: 0

Property Damage: damage to non-federal contract operated / pump on a Type 6 engine

Narrative: A type 6 engine assigned to the Garner Complex working on the Graves Fire was engaged in pump operations supporting a hose lay. The pump cavitated and as the operator was shutting the pump down hot water and steam struck the crew member on the chest and abdomen. A paramedic responded and the crewmember was transported by ground ambulance to the hospital in Medford. Upon evaluation the crew member was flown to Portland Legacy Hospital Burn Unit. It has been reported that the crew member received first and second degree burns. Oregon Department of Forestry assigned a hospital liaison. A Wildland Fire Accident Investigation (AI) is in progress.

Cc:

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