

Event Type: Vehicle Rollover Close Call

Date: September 3, 2018

Location: Gold Hill Fire, Montana

## Narrative

A single vehicle with three passengers was traveling with other DIV resources up a narrow, dusty mountain road when the vehicle encountered a soft, inside shoulder and was pulled off the road onto the steep fill-slope.

The vehicle came to rest at an approximate 45-degree angle. A tree prevented it from rolling over.

No passengers were injured.

The vehicle was recovered and returned to the road. It received a thorough inspection, including a check of all fluids, and was then returned to service.

## LESSONS

- This was an accident that could have had a far more disastrous outcome.
- Even though the driver was traveling at slow rate of speed, dusty conditions and following too close to another vehicle were identified as the major contributing factors in this incident.

The Gold Hill Fire on September 1. Photo courtesy of InciWeb.

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