

Incident Name: Kootenai NF Smokejumper Injury (2018)

State: Montana

Date: 7/28/18

Incident Type: Smokejumping Accident

Description of the incident:

Kootenai NF, a Smoke Jumper was injured jumping a fire on the Kootenai. The jumper's feet hit a downed log, upending him, causing the jumper's shoulders and head to impact the ground. The jumper complained of a sore neck and was helicoptered via agency aircraft. Upon consultation at the Libby Hospital it was suspected that he had cracked his T4 and 5 vertebrae. Jumper saw a back specialist in Missoula and confirmed cracks to the spinous processes at T4 & 5. The Jumper is on light duty and seeking a specialist who will accept OWCP

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