

SAFETY BULLETIN: Muddy Creek 24 Hour Report

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24 Hour Preliminary Report - Incident with Potential

August 4, 2009

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LOCATION: Prineville District - mixed ownership lands with private and BLM approximately 5 miles SW of Clarno Oregon

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: August 3, 2009

INCIDENT TIME: approximately 1630

RESOURCES INVOLVED: 1 AFMO, 1 T4 engine, 1 T6 hummer, and 1T6 engine

ACTIVITY: Fire Suppression

NUMBER OF INJURIES: 0

NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 0

PROPERTY DAMAGE: None

NARRATIVE: Resources were burning out a road that was improved by a dozer. Around 1730 winds increased significantly producing rapid rates of fire spread. When leaving the area, the engines encountered thick smoke along the dozer line and were unable to progress further down their escape route. The T 4 engine continued until it had secure black to drive into, the AFMO and remaining two engines fired out a grassy flat and parked the vehicles in the black as the main fire burned around them. There were no injuries or damaged equipment.

The State and District have opted to perform a Lesson Learned Review. A Lesson Learned Review Team is enroute to the district and will begin a review of the incident beginning August 5, 2009 at 0930.