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Subject: Preliminary 24-hour Briefing of Cal Fire Crew Close Call

To: Regional Forester – Randy Moore

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Stanislaus National Forest, Spur Incident.

Date of occurrence: October 29, 2012

Time of occurrence: Approximately 1115 hours PDT

Report By: Joan Friedlander

Activity: Fire Suppression

Mission: Direct line construction

Number of fatalities: None

Narrative: A Cal Fire crew was engaged in direct hand line construction during initial attack when a crew member fell and injured his knee. The fire crew captain directed his crew to retreat into the black, and with the help of another firefighter, dragged the injured firefighter through the flame front and into the black. In the process, the captain received a minor first degree radiant heat burn to the left side of his face with no other injury. Both the captain and the firefighter were evaluated at a local hospital and released. No other injuries were sustained by the crew. A Facilitated Learning Analysis (FLA) team is on scene reviewing this incident.

/s/Joan Friedlander

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