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Subject: Sunflower Fire – Falling Accident

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Preliminary Accident Information Briefing (24 Hour)

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Tonto National Forest

Date of Occurrence: June 6, 2012

Time of Occurrence: Approximately 1400 hours

Activity: Wildfire – Type 4

Number and type of injuries: 1

Property loss: None

Narrative:

On June 6th, 2012, the crew assigned to the Sunflower fire was in the process of felling hazard trees along Forest Road 201 within the fire. At approximately 1400 hours a sawyer was struck in the hardhat and right arm by a tree he was attempting to fall.

An ambulance was immediately requested to the injured employee's location and he was transported to a local medical facility for treatment. Supplemental treatment was sought to rule out head and neck injuries and the employee was released home late in the evening.

On June 7th a Facilitated Analysis Team was requested to review the incident, the team will be in briefed at 08:00 on June 9, 2012. A final report of the finding will be released through the Lessons Learned Center, after review by the Forest.

/s/ Helen C. Graham

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