

24-Hour Report of Mark Stanley fatality, Tennessee Division of Forestry

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Date of Report: 4/14/06

Location: 7 miles south of Bolivar, TN, east of junction of Sain Road and Lake Hardeman Road, N35.147, W88.972, on private land

Date of Occurrence: 4/13/06

Time of Occurrence: 1235 CDT

Mission: Line construction for Rx burn

Number Injured: None

Number of Fatalities: One

Narrative: During dozer line construction in preparation for a pine understory prescribed burn, Forest Technician Mark Stanley, instructed a dozer to push down a dead snag. Upon engaging with the blade of the dozer the dead red oak, approximately 10" dbh, and 50 feet tall, suddenly broke loose at ground level. Stanley was struck by the falling tree near its tip. The tree had no branches and Stanley who was some distance away, had walked into the path of the falling tree.

An investigation team has been assembled and will begin its investigation today.

Submitted By: John Kirksey, Forest Protection Chief, Tennessee Dept of Agriculture, Division of Forestry