

24 Hour Report Burnover

To: Tom Boatner, Acting Deputy Fire Director, NIFC

From: Glenn Carpenter, Serious Accident Investigation Team Lead

Subject: Burnover with injury, West Basin Fire, Jackpot Nevada

What: Single burn injury.

When: July 7, 2007 11:17 AM PDT

Narrative: A Type II hand crew was assigned to the western flank of the West Basin Fire southeast of Jackpot, Nevada. While constructing hotline, the crew boss was scouting ahead of the crew. The crew boss went out of sight of the squad bosses and crew for a short time. Statements from the incident indicate erratic winds were affecting fire behavior in the Fuel Model 2 component. The crew boss radioed the squad bosses that the smoke was impacting his view of the fire and the location of the crew. The crew boss suffered burns to his face, arm and leg while working his way back to the crew. Radio communication indicated that the crew boss had been burned over and was injured. He was flown by a helicopter assigned to the incident to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and later transported to the University of Utah Burn Center for treatment. He was released July 8th, 2007 to his home unit.

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