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Memorandum

To: Oregon/Washington State Director
From: New Mexico State Director
Subject: 24 Hour Preliminary Report – Calf Canyon/Hermit Peak Fire

Location: Calf Canyon/Hermit Peak Fire

Date Of Occurrence: Sunday, May 29, 2022

Time Of Occurrence: Approximately 10:30 AM MDT

Local Agency Administrator: Pamela Mathis

Activity: Aviation operations in the Pecos Wilderness, Santa Fe National Forest

Number Of Injuries: Three crewmembers - One Severe injury with hospitalization and two minor injuries.

Narrative: On Sunday, May 29, 2022, the Bureau of Land Management Vale Interagency Hotshot Crew (IHC) was working on holding a section of fire line in the wilderness on the Calf Canyon South Zone-Hermit Peak Fire, a Santa Fe National Forest incident, with two other IHC crews supported by Type 1 helicopters providing water drops along the fire edge. When a helicopter missed the identified drop area, the last of the load was delivered on top of several crew members. Two crew members were transported by ground to the local Santa Fe hospital and the other injured crew member was transported by an agency helicopter to the local Santa Fe hospital. Two crew members that received minor injuries were treated and released that day. The third crew member with severe injuries was transported to Albuquerque, NM by ambulance, where he has received multiple surgeries, one to repair skull fractures to the face, and the other to repair a broken knee cap. The employee is still in the hospital, accompanied by family and his crew supervisor.

Rapid Lesson Share Report will be disseminated at a later date.

Any questions can be directed to the New Mexico State Safety Office, John Petty via email at jpetty@blm.gov or at 505-954-2024.

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