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NATIONAL FIRE EQUIPMENT SYSTEM CACHE MEMORANDUM NO. 17-1

To: NFES: National Interagency Support Caches

From: David Haston, Chair – NWCG Equipment Technology Committee

Subject: Stihl Chainsaw Recall

Issue: The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued a recall for STIHL chainsaws. The recall is for STIHL MS 461 chainsaws, and the MS 461 R chainsaw with a wrap handle. Both affected chainsaw models are commonly used in wildland fire operations. Recalled chainsaws have a serial number between **173092800** and **181993952**. The location of serial number is under the front hand guard on the sprocket side. STIHL has received reports of pinched or leaking fuel lines. The fuel line can leak, posing fire and burn hazards.

The link to the recall is: <https://m.stihlusa.com/information/recalls/ms-461-product-recall/>

Required Action: All recalled chainsaws must be returned to an authorized STIHL dealer for a free inspection and free repair. Recalled chainsaws must not be issued to incidents until the inspection and repair is completed.

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