



# Wildland Fire Fatality and Entrapment INITIAL REPORT

Complete this report for fire-related entrapment and/or fatalities. Timely reporting of wildland-related entrapments or fatalities is necessary for the rapid dissemination of accurate information to the fire management community. It will also allow fire safety and equipment specialists to quickly respond to these events as appropriate. This initial report does not replace agency reporting or investigative responsibilities, policies, or procedures. Immediately notify the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) Coordinator on Duty (COD) by phone, and then submit this written report to NICC within 24 hours—even if **some data are missing**—to the address given below.

NICC—National Interagency Fire Center  
3833 South Development Ave.  
Boise, ID 83705

Phone: 208–387–5400  
Fax: 208–387–5414  
Coordinator on Duty email: [COD@blm.gov](mailto:COD@blm.gov)

Submitted by: _____	Position: _____
Agency: _____	Location: _____
Phone: _____	E-mail: _____

## 1. General Information

Date of event: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of personnel involved: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Injuries: \_\_\_\_\_ Fatalities: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire name, location, agency, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Fatalities

Type of accident:

- Aircraft       Vehicle       Natural (lightning, drowning, etc.)       Smoke  
 Medical (heart, stroke, heat, etc.)       Entrapment       Struck by falling object

Where fatality/entrapment occurred:

- Fire site       In transit       Incident base       Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: In the event of fatality(s), do not release name(s) until next of kin are notified.**

Employing agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For further information, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Fire-Related Information

Fuel Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Incident management type at time of the incident/accident: (check one)

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Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ RH: \_\_\_\_\_ Wind: \_\_\_\_\_ Mph \_\_\_\_\_

Topography: \_\_\_\_\_ Urban/wildland intermix?:  Yes    No

Slope: \_\_\_\_\_%

Fire size at the time of the incident/accident: \_\_\_\_\_ acres \_\_\_\_\_

Cause of fire:    Natural    Incendiary    Accidental    Unknown

### 4. Entrapment Information

A situation where personnel are unexpectedly caught in a fire-behavior-related, life-threatening position where escape routes or safety zones are absent, inadequate, or have been compromised. An entrapment may or may not include deployment of a fire shelter. Note: Engine and dozer burnovers also constitute entrapments.

Brief **description** of the accident:

#### Entrapment Description

Person trapped:    With shelter    Without shelter

Burns/smoke injuries while in shelter    Yes    No

Burns/smoke injuries while escaping entrapment    Yes    No

Burns/smoke injuries incurred while fighting fire    Yes    No

Fire shelter performed satisfactorily    Yes    No

Fire shelter was **available**, but not used    Yes    No

#### Personal Protective Equipment Used

Fire shelter    Yes    No

Gloves    Yes    No

Protective pants    Yes    No

Boots    Yes    No

Protective shirt    Yes    No

Goggles    Yes    No

Face/neck protection    Yes    No

Hardhat    Yes    No