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Line-of-Duty Fatality Confirmed

BAKER, NV – The Great Basin National Park, Lolo National Forest, Ely District Bureau of Land Management and White Pine County officials are deeply saddened to confirm a Forest Service firefighter lost his life yesterday while working on the Strawberry Fire near Baker, Nevada.

The deceased is Justin Beebe of Bellows Falls, Vermont. He is a member of the Lolo Hotshots based in Region 1 with the US Forest Service. The fire crew member succumbed to injuries suffered when struck by a tree during firefighting efforts on Saturday afternoon, August 13, 2016. The Forest Service is investigating this line-of-duty death.

“This loss of life is tragic and heartbreaking,” said Park Superintendent, Steve Mietz “Please keep the family and Forest Service employees in your thoughts and prayers during this time.”

The Strawberry Fire started on August 8, 2016 and is being managed jointly by Great Basin Incident Management Team 7, the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

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