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IN REPLY REFER TO:

24 Hour Preliminary Report

To: Bill Kaage, Chief, Division of Fire and Aviation Management
Designated Agency Safety and Health Official, Wildland Fire

From: Superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks *Wsmew 7.30.18*

Subject: Preliminary (24 Hour) Report of Firefighter Fatality on Ferguson Fire

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LOCATION: Ferguson Fire, Sierra National Forest

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: July 29, 2018

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: Approximately 1000

LOCAL AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR OR TEAM LEADER: Woody Smeck

ACTIVITY: The NPS Arrowhead Interagency Hot Shot crew was engaged in fire suppression operations on the Ferguson Fire when Captain Brian Hughes was struck by a tree. Despite adequate response and treatment, Captain Hughes succumbed to his injuries.

NUMBER OF INJURIES: 0

NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 1

PROPERTY DAMAGE: Not applicable

RELATED SAFETY REVIEW TOPICS FOR FIELD USE:

A Serious Accident Investigation is underway to review the accident. Safety topics will be determined pending further findings.

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Deputy Regional Director, PWR
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Chief, Office of Risk Management, WASO