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Forest Service Helicopter Crew Injuries Update

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., October 1, 2007— The eight helicopter crew members of the San Bernardino National Forest involved in the vehicular accident this morning have been treated.

Six were treated for minor injuries at Bear Valley Hospital in Big Bear, Calif., and have been released. The other two were transported by helicopter to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton, Calif., where one was treated for a dislocated shoulder and the other was determined to have no injuries. Both will be released tomorrow after being monitored overnight.

The vehicular accident occurred this morning on Highway 18 about a half mile west of Big Bear Dam, in an area known as the "Artic Circle." The accident occurred at approximately 9:44 a.m.

A specialized team will conduct an investigation of the incident to determine the cause of the accident. Names have not been released.

Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

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