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Memorandum

To: Regional Directors

From: Associate Director, Visitor and Resource Protection /s/ **Karen Taylor-Goodrich**

Subject: Fatality Investigation Report, Management Review and Corrective Action Plan for the Daniel Holmes Accident

The fatality investigation report, management report and corrective action plan for the Holmes Accident was accepted by Director Fran Mainella on April 11, 2005.

Firefighter Daniel Holmes died on October 2, 2004, when the top of a burning snag fell, striking him on the head resulting in fatal injuries. The accident occurred on the Grant West Prescribed Burn, located in the Grant Grove area of Kings Canyon National Park. Daniel was a member of the Arrowhead Interagency Hotshot Crew, based at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

A Serious Accident Investigation Team (SAIT) was convened immediately after the accident occurred. Subsequently, the National Park Service convened a Board of Review (BOR) to evaluate the Holmes Accident Investigation Report submitted by the SAIT. The BOR reviewed the findings and developed recommendations and a corrective action plan containing ten specific action items with all action items being concluded by October 1, 2005. Copies of the reports along with additional information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/fire>.

I encourage you and your staff to review the report so we can learn from this accident and prevent future occurrences. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Edy Williams-Rhodes, Chief, Division of Fire and Aviation, 202-513-7133, Sue Vap, National Fire Management Officer, 208-387-5225, or Superintendent Richard Martin at 559-565-3101.

cc: Associate Regional Directors, Operations
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