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To: National Fire Operations Program Lead, National Park Service
From: Regional Director, Midwest Region
Subject: 72-Hour Expanded Report; Cold Brook Prescribed Fire & UTV Wildland Fire Accident

Number and Type of Injuries: None

Number and Name of Fatality Victim(s): None

Narrative: On Monday, April 13, 2015 the Cold Brook Prescribed Fire, at Wind Cave National Park, South Dakota, escaped prescription and was declared a wildfire. During the wildfire suppression actions, a Utility-Terrain-Vehicle (UTV) with an operator and passenger, tipped over. The two individuals were not injured and escaped safely, but the UTV was immediately overrun by the wildfire and declared a total loss. The loss of the equipment classifies this incident as a “Wildland Fire Accident”.

Action Taken to Date: The Facilitated Learning Analysis Team ordered for the Cold Brook Prescribed Fire has been requested, under a Delegation of Authority from the NPS Midwest Regional Director, to include the UTV accident in their review. The FLA Team is currently on-site at Wind Cave National Park and a final report on the incident is due to the NPS Midwest Regional Director by May 29, 2015.

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