

# **BLUE SHEET**

  

## **PRELIMINARY SUMMARY REPORT**



**Private Bulldozer Near Miss**

**June 29, 2008**

**Paradise Fire**

**CA-HUU-03570**

**California Northern Region**

This Preliminary Summary Report is intended as an aid in accident prevention, and to provide factual information from the first 24 hours of the accident review. To that end it is published and distributed within a short time frame. Information contained within may be subject to revision as further investigation is conducted, and other reports and documents are received.

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## **Synopsis**

On June 29, 2008, a transport hauling a bulldozer slid off a road in such a manner that it blocked a primary route of ingress and egress to the Paradise Fire west of Garberville, California. No injuries occurred with this accident.

## **Narrative**

On June 29, 2008, at approximately 2330 hours, a transport hauling a Type 1 bulldozer to the base camp from the line, slid off the Paradise Ridge Road. The driver was not injured. The transport tractor was still on the road; the loaded trailer slid partially off the road and came to rest in a slanted position at a 25% angle completely blocking the primary access road. The slope below the accident site was approximately 50%. The road surface was stable hard pack with the road grade being approximately 5% to 10%. The road was reopened at 1200 hours on July 1<sup>st</sup> after the trailer and bulldozer were pulled back onto the road using several other like size bulldozers. No damage was reported on either the transport/tractor or dozer.

## **Recommendations For Immediate Corrective Actions**

Caution operators of large vehicles on driving, especially at night, on roads that they are not familiar with.