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PRESS STATEMENT #1

The Sheep Fire is currently burning on Idaho National Laboratory (INL) property. This fire started due to lightning on the evening of July 22, 2019. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and INL fire crews are working together to fight the fire.

Naval Reactors Facility (NRF) emergency response personnel are coordinating with INL emergency personnel. There is no immediate threat to NRF facilities or personnel.

As a precautionary measure, NRF has curtailed current operations. An orderly egress of non-essential personnel has occurred.

Day-shift and second-shift personnel should not report to work on July 23, 2019. Third-shift personnel should contact their supervisor prior to reporting to work.

Employees should call the INL bus hotline or their supervisor for information regarding NRF operations.

The media point of contact is the INL's emergency Joint Information Center at the Engineering Research Office Building, 2525 Fremont Ave., Idaho Falls. Media and members of the public should call the phone numbers below, not your regular INL contacts.

Media Information (208)-526-9206 Public Information (208)-526-5042 Follow-up news releases will be posted on the INL's Web site at: http://www.inl.gov/

NRF press statements are available at https://navalnuclearlab.energy.gov

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