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Plane Crashes in Fawnskin

Date/Time:October 20, 2014, 10:45 a.m.Location:Forest area near Grout Bay picnic area, x/North Shore Dr., FawnskinIncident:Fatal Plane Crash

Summary: Firefighters responded to a report of a small plane down near the Grout Bay picnic area in Fawnskin. San Bernardino County Firefighters from St. 96 in Fawnskin arrived on scene minutes later, where they located a small, single-engine aircraft that had crashed in the dry lake bed (known as Grout Bay) near the picnic area.

Firefighters were able to reach the pilot quickly, however the adult male pilot and sole occupant had already succumbed to his injuries. The pilot had taken off from the Big Bear Airport. It is unknown where the pilot was enroute to.

The cause of the crash is being investigated by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office, the National Transportation Bureau and the Federal Aviation Administration. The San Bernardino County Sheriff/Coroner's Office will release the name of the deceased once proper notification has been made.

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