

As required by Public Law 107-203, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) conducted an investigation into fatalities that occurred in Cramer Fire in the Salmon-Challis National Forest in Idaho on July 22, 2003.

The statute requires that whenever a Forest Service fatality is caused by wildfire entrapment or burnover, OIG shall "conduct an investigation of the fatality ... completely independent of any investigation of the fatality that is conducted by the Forest Service". After completing its investigation, the statute requires OIG to submit a report containing its investigative findings to the Congress and the Secretary of Agriculture.

The posted items are one copy of the transmittal letters by which OIG submitted our report to the Congress [CRAMERHastertFeb05.pdf](#) and the OIG investigative report [CRAMERFinalFeb05.pdf](#)