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FROM : National Wildfire Coordinating Group

REPLY TO : NWCG@nifc.gov

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SUBJECT : SAFETY ADVISORY : Fire Shelter Recall Information

The attached notice addressing information associated with the recent fire shelter recall has just been released by the Forest Service

NOTICE

FIRE SHELTER INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECENT RECALL! 04/20/2001

We are incurring delays in being able to acquire enough shelters to replace all that have a defective polyvinyl case in a timely manner (International Cases and Manufacturing, Inc/Silton Company, GSA Contract # GS-07F-J0091).

To insure that firefighters are not without this personal protective equipment, we recommend that you keep the supplies that you have and do the following:

- remove the shelter from the hard plastic case,
- pull the tabs halfway down on each side, and
- re-insert the shelter into the hard case.

REMEMBER THE SHELTER IS GOOD! (The issue is with the red tabs on the polyvinyl bag!)

When a contract is developed for re-packaging the shelter in a polyvinyl case, we will post a note to this web page. If you have pulled the tabs halfway down on these shelters and NOT deployed them, we will accept these to be re-worked.

Thank you for your patience!

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