FLASH! Fire Bulletin

A water pump exploision near a Louisiana Land & Exploration drilling rig 15 miles from the Canadian border has apparently caused a wild fire on lands selected by Doyon, Ltd. The drill rig was not damaged.

Twelve Bureau of Land Management smokejumpers and 8,000 gallons of retardant were used in initial attack. Four village firefighting crews directed by Fire Boss Pat Kidder used five bulldozers to establish a fire line around the 1,000 acre fire.

As of noon Tuesday, two more crews were on the way to the fire, which was burning uncontrolled in heavy to scattered spruce.