Nice Catch

Allen Johnson, acting as the Safety Officer on a Search and Rescue mission, intercepted Geoffrey Davenport, Electronics Technician for the Forest Service, before boarding a helicopter. Forest Service employees are restricted from flying on uncarded helicopters like this one. This helicopter crashed with four crewmembers and two Office of Emergency Services’ technicians. Johnson’s quick feet and wise decision prevented what could have been a worse scenario. Safety rules are made to keep people safe. This boarding restriction proves the success of this field play. Nice catch, Allen!

Faster than a Speeding Bullet

Pat Loe, Region 9 pilot, experienced some complications while conducting a forest insect survey on a DHC-2 Beaver floatplane. The floatplane experienced a vibration and trace of oil on the windshield. Pat didn’t waste any time messing around. Notification was made to the forest dispatcher that he was redirecting to Devil Track Lake. While descending the vibration worsened. Faster than a speeding bullet, he changed direction again and executed a precautionary landing on Northern Light Lake without incident. Excellent moves, Pat!

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Good Call

Jamie Tackman, leadplane pilot, made a critical decision to stop retardant aircraft operations and warn the firefighting helicopters of the erratic winds in the canyon they were flying. Jamie believed that had the airtanker continued its run it may not have been able to pull out of the narrow canyon. Good job, Jamie!

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