

SafeCom 20-0200

Unnamed lake

63.90598 -160.25453

(63 54.3588 -160 15.2718)

Transcribed from handwritten notes:

P1:

Scooping a short lake north of fire. No obstructions noted in the water and no obstacles on approach, small hill (~20') just past departure shore. No trees. Consistent 400 gal. per load, several 500 gal. loads. On departure with load 12, FB 214 made contact with hill. FB 211 did not witness FB 214 make contact. FB 214 radioed FB 211 he made contact, and smelled fuel. FB 214 then called A/A B9 (LP-2FC/N42FC); informed them of problem, direct to Unalakleet. FB 214 jettisoned load, FB 211 held on to load, FB 211 and B9 followed FB 214; and FB 214 landed uneventful. FB 211 jettisoned load and landed, B9 returned to fire.

P2:

Should have taken lesser loads as winds decreased/changed.

