McCullum Incident Scenario

McCullum Fire

May 27

Acres: 250

At 1400, local recourses have responded to a reported grass fire on the Guadalupe Ranger District. After arriving on scene, fire is burning in grass and brush, IC estimates fire to be 250 acres. The IC is requesting any available air recourses. Dispatch informs IC that a Type-3 Helicopter is available and can be on scene in 30 minutes. At 1445 Helicopter 123 arrives on scene and begins bucket operation on the left flank. Since there is no Air Attack over the fire yet, 123 will flight follow with dispatch. At 1515 the IC requests helicopter 123 to move bucket operations to the right flank which is heating up. While transitioning from the dip site Helicopter 123's bucket strikes an abandoned power line. Over Flight Follow 123's pilot declares an emergency. No further radio contact can be made with 123.