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DC-10 Air Tanker Makes Emergency Landing Flight crew lands aircraft safely in Victorville.

Sacramento – At approximately 5:20 p.m. pacific daylight time while operating on the White Fire in Kern County, the DC-10, Tanker 910, encountered severe turbulence that caused the aircraft to descend and strike the top of several trees. The flight crew was able to apply power and fly out of the turbulence and safely return to their base at Victorville. The aircraft was operating in the area of Bison peak which is south of Tehachapi. There were no injuries to the flight crew or anyone on the ground. The incident is currently under investigation. The investigation will include a complete structural review of the aircraft. It will remain on the ground until the investigation is concluded. A CAL FIRE incident investigation team will be in Victorville tomorrow morning.

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