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Subject: UH-1 Helicopters

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Discussion:

The U.S. Army has grounded its fleet of UH-1 helicopters equipped with T53-L-13 series engines. These engines are experiencing spur gear failures caused by vibration.

Recommendation:

DOI and the U.S. Forest Service have suspended use of all affected UH-1 helicopters and employees are prohibited from riding aboard these aircraft equipped with T53-L-13 series engines.

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