

Firestorm Back In Business After Accident At Branson

BRANSON, Mo. (AP) — Branson USA Amusement Park was given permission Friday to resume operation of the Firestorm roller coaster, which was involved in an accident that injured eight people.

None of the injuries were serious.

The Firestorm hit a second, unoccupied coaster on July 21.

A safety inspector hired by the Division of Fire Safety ran a series of tests on the roller coaster this week. The park's maintenance records, including daily safety checks and daily operator logs also were examined.

The inspection found no evidence of mechanical failure or malfunction, the division said in a news release Friday.

The investigator "could not eliminate operator error as the cause of the accident," the news release said.