

Klamath National Forest

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Fire Update-Klamath National Forest

Yreka, Calif., August 7, 2009-Lightning from thunderstorms that swept through Northern California Wednesday and Thursday started several new fires on the Klamath National Forest. Substantial rain fall was recorded on some parts of the forest which helped to decrease the number of possible starts.

Twenty confirmed fires have been reported with an additional two unconfirmed fires whose locations are being determined by firefighters. Seventeen of these fires are located on the Happy Camp Ranger District and all are staffed in patrol and monitor status. There are two fires on the Salmon River Ranger District and one on the Gooseneck Ranger District and these are staffed as well.

The Harrington Fire, in the Siskiyou Wilderness, is now twenty acres in size and is being managed by the Sierraville crew from the Tahoe National Forest.

“Initial attack forces have been extremely successful during this round of lightning fires,” said Jaime Tarne, Klamath National Forest Duty Officer. “Immediate response by the firefighters made it possible to contain and control the forty-three fires before they could become larger.”

As weather permits, aircraft will be performing lightning reconnaissance to provide information regarding any residual lightning fires that may appear on the forest, especially after temperatures increase over the weekend.

Fire Managers from the Klamath National Forest remind the public that fire restrictions are now in effect, with the exception of the Trinity Alps, Russian, Marble and Siskiyou Wilderness areas and designated recreation sites.

Further information is available on line: www.fs.fed.us/r5/Klamath or by calling the Klamath National Forest, (530) 841-4485.

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