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Lightning Starts Fires in Western Siskiyou County

Yreka, CA- A storm moved across the area last night and the western portion of the Klamath National Forest and Siskiyou County received a significant amount of lightning -- nearly 600 down strikes recorded. As of early this morning the lightning had resulted in at least 10 new fires on the Happy Camp Oak Knoll and Salmon Scott Ranger Districts. CAL FIRE was also impacted by these storms and has reported 3 small fires in the Quartz Valley area, that are all now contained.

Forest Service and CAL FIRE resources are available and responding. The Klamath National Forest has also brought in five additional fire engines and four handcrews from other areas in anticipation of the increased fire activity on the Forest.

Due to the extreme drought conditions that exist throughout the area, fuels are very receptive to fires started by lightning. Even with some areas getting a good wetting rain, the fuels dry out quickly and a small smoldering fire can quickly grow to a major fire.

Fire staff will continue to monitor the landscape for any additional fires that may show today or over the next few days.

To find out more about what you can do to prevent human caused, unwanted wildfires, please go to www.preventwildfireca.org

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