



# News Release

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## July 9, 2015 Lightning Fire Update

**YREKA, CA** – New fires have been detected since yesterday's report. Twenty-nine small fires were ignited by lightning across the forest in the last two days. The majority of these fires are contained with full containment expected by end of shift today.

- The Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District
  - Happy Camp reported 12 fires in total, six are contained and the other six are expected to be contained by the end of shift today. These fires are all small in size at one tenth to three quarters of an acre in size.
  - Oak Knoll is reporting 14 confirmed fires. Two of these fires are located on the Siskiyou Crest and are being managed by the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. The remaining 12 fires are being managed locally by a type 3 team. All of the Oak Knoll fires are contained and many of them are extinguished and in patrol status. Today firefighters are focusing their efforts on a fire in Horse Creek that was located late last night.
- The Salmon/Scott River Ranger District reported one fire this morning. This fire, located just north of the contingency line that was constructed for the White's Fire last season, is two tenths of an acre in size and was declared contained last night.
- The Goosenest Ranger District is reporting no new fires. Yesterday's two confirmed fires are contained and controlled and in patrol status.

In addition to producing lightning, these storms also produced a lot of moisture resulting in several slides that have blocked forest roads. Please be careful traveling forest roads and be mindful of changing weather conditions. Beaver Creek Road near Oak Knoll was blocked yesterday and is now clear. There is a 100 foot long, four inch deep slide at Walker Creek Road south of Seiad Valley. Contract crews are working to clear the Walker slide. Additional slides in Music Creek on the Salmon River were reported.

With additional storms in the forecast please be aware that road conditions can change very quickly and that new slides and flooding could occur.

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