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Fire Update for the Klamath National Forest

Yreka, CA – Small fires from recent thunderstorms continue to emerge and burn across the Klamath National Forest. Most fires have been suppressed quickly. None are threatening communities, structures, or recreation sites. Presently, none of the fires burning are in Wilderness.

Of greatest concern yesterday afternoon was the Craggy Fire located on remote China Peak, about 3-4 miles west of the Tree of Heaven Campground, on the south side of the Klamath River. Two 20-person crews, supported by 3 helicopters dropping water, have contained that fire at 15 acres.

The most active fire today is the Titus Fire located at the head of Kanaka Creek about 5 miles south of Happy Camp and east of the Klamath River. At present, two 20-person crews and 3 engines, aided by a helicopter, are fighting the 10-acre fire. Steep terrain and the possibility of burning debris rolling across containment lines are posing challenges to control efforts.

A small fire, in the Oak Knoll area, the Cottonwood Fire has the potential to become larger given it is in steep terrain difficult to access. The Elk Fire, on the Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District, and the Tamarack Fire, on the Goosenest Ranger District, are controlled. One 20-person fire crew has been assigned to the Tamarack Fire, along with helicopter support.

More lightning is predicted this afternoon for the eastside of the Klamath National Forest.