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Fire Update for the Klamath National Forest

Yreka, CA – To-date, eleven fires have been reported and confirmed on the Klamath National Forest from recent lightning storms. In addition, a 1.2 acre human-caused fire near Happy Camp was suppressed earlier in the week. The largest fire has been the 17-acre Titus Fire located at the head of Kanaka Creek, and about 5 miles south of Happy Camp and east of the Klamath River. The second largest fire has been the 12-acre Craggy Fire located on remote China Peak, about 4 miles west of the Tree of Heaven Campground, and on the south side of the Klamath River. Two other smaller fires getting special attention today are the Cottonwood Fire, two miles north of the Tree of Heaven Campground, and the Polly Gulch Fire, two miles north of the community of Klamath River in the Beaver Creek drainage.

With the exception of the Polly Gulch Fire, all known fires on the Klamath National Forest are contained (have fire lines around them and are not likely to increase in size). Several fires have unburned fuels within their containment lines and some interior burning has been reported. Fire crews are patrolling the fires and mopping-up (extinguishing all burning material near the fire line). The success of recent fire suppression actions and no new fire starts have allowed for the release of some non-local fire fighting resources. None of the fires on the Klamath National Forest are threatening communities, structures, or recreation sites. Presently, none of the fires burning are in a Wilderness area.

Fire restrictions will go into effect August 5 given hot and dry conditions. Campfires will be restricted to certain developed campgrounds and will be allowed in Wildernesses. Please check with the closest Forest Service office or call (530) 842-6131 if you are planning a camping trip.