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## Onion Fire Update

**YREKA, CA**— The Onion Fire, burning in the Trinity Alps Wilderness, about ten miles east of Cecilville, has grown to an estimated 520 acres. Due to increased fire activity earlier in the weekend and continued seasonal drying, suppression tactics are being implemented. 105 fire personnel and two helicopters are currently assigned. With increase in complexity of the fire, a Type 3 Incident Commander and support organization were brought in yesterday to assist.

On Sunday the fire became less active and firefighters made good progress containing spot fires, and continuing burn out operations down the ridge line to ensure containment. Air resources aided firefighters with water drops and mapping the fire from the air. The Onion Fire remains confined to an area south of Rush Creek, north of the ridge between Rush and McNeil Creeks, east of the confluence of Rush and McNeil Creeks and west of the major ridge between Rush Creek Lake and Packers Peak.

Crews will continue to reinforce existing containment lines, and as conditions allow, burn out fuels ahead and upslope of the fire to ensure containment. Firefighters continue to work to protect lives, property, and resources.

Smoke effects from the Onion Fire are being monitored (a monitoring station has been set up in Coffee Creek).

**Location:** 10 air miles southeast of Cecilville, CA    **Estimated Fire Size:** 520 acres

**Jurisdiction:** USDA Forest Service, Salmon-Scott Ranger District, Klamath National Forest.

**Cause:** Lightning    **Injuries:** 0    **Resources:** **Total Personnel:** 105    **Evacuations:** None.

**Closures:** None at this time; hunters and Forest users may see smoke or firefighters in the area of Lady Gulch Trail.

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