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|  | United States<br>Department of<br>Agriculture<br><br>Forest Service | <h1>NEWS<br/>RELEASE</h1>  | <b>KLAMATH NATIONAL<br/>FOREST</b><br><br>1312 Fairlane Road,<br>Yreka, CA 96097 (530)<br>841-6131<br><a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/klamath">www.fs.usda.gov/klamath</a> |  |
| Date: September 9, 2011   | <b>For Immediate Release</b>  | <a href="http://www.inciweb.org/incident/2512/">http://www.inciweb.org/incident/2512/</a><br><br>Contact: Fire Information<br>(530) 841-4517 |  |   |

## Onion Fire Update

**YREKA, CA**—The Onion Fire, located in the Trinity Alps Wilderness on the Klamath National Forest is now ninety percent contained. Firefighters have contained the 560 acre fire perimeter using natural barriers and constructed fire lines and continue to patrol and extinguish hot spots within the perimeter.

Plans to downsize resources assigned to the fire continued Thursday and one helicopter was released. One of the three crews assigned is set to be released today. By Saturday two crews and a few overhead will remain to patrol the area.

The Onion Fire, ignited on Friday August 19<sup>th</sup> by lightning is located in the upper Rush Creek drainage. The fire lies between Rush and McNeil Creek drainages in the vicinity of Packer's Peak and Onion Meadow.

Forest visitors are reminded that firefighters continue to work in the burned area. It may not be safe to enter the fire perimeter due to hot smoky conditions. Also pockets of unburned fuel continue to burn within containment lines and there are many standing dead trees.

**Location:** 10 air miles southeast of Cecilville, CA

**Estimated Fire Size:** 560 acres

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

**Estimated Containment:** 90% **Estimated Containment Date:** 9/10/2011

**Cause:** Lightning **Injuries:** 0

**Resources:** 2 crews, 1 helicopter

**Evacuations:** None. **Closures:** None at this time; hunters and Forest users may encounter smoke or fire personnel in the Trinity Alps Wilderness in the Lady Gulch trail area.

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