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Pony Fire Morning Update: June 9, 2016

Happy Camp, CA—The Pony Fire is located on the Klamath National Forest west of Highway 96. It is approximately 15 miles southwest of Happy Camp, near Pony Peak. The fire was started by lightning early in the morning on June 7, 2016.

Northern California Team Incident Management Team 2 has arrived to assist with fire operations as of this morning, June 9, 2016. A public meeting will be held tonight at 7 PM at the Grange Hall in Happy Camp (64501 2nd Avenue). Team members and Klamath NF staff will provide an informational update and answer questions about the fire.

The fire is currently at about 616 acres, with infrared mapping showing moderate activity overnight.

Firefighters will work today to continue suppression efforts ahead of the main fire. The fire is situated in an old burn area (the Swillup Fire from 2001) and dead and downed trees, with a heavy understory brush component, make many areas dangerous for firefighters on the ground. Efforts are being concentrated currently on opening existing containment lines (from the 2001 fire) and improving and repairing those lines.

Private property and structures along Highway 96 are being evaluated for protection measures. A forest road closure may be put into effect for roads in the fire area to protect public and firefighters safety.

Klamath NF and team personnel will work closely with tribal representatives and local natural resource advisors to protect values at risk during suppression, including threatened and endangered species and important cultural heritage sites.

Current fire information is available on the InciWeb web site at inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4769.



Caption: The Pony Fire, near Pony Peak. Photo taken June 8, 2016.

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