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Pony Fire MORNING Update: Mon., June 13, 2016

A public information meeting will be held at the Happy Camp Grange at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2016

Happy Camp, CA -- The Pony Fire is burning on the Klamath National Forest, about 15 miles southwest of Happy Camp and west of Highway 96. The fire is now 2,096 acres and 20 percent contained.

Cooler weather will begin moving into the fire area this afternoon, as a strong cold front pushes in from the Pacific. Maximum temperatures will drop 10 to 15 degrees while winds will pick up and shift to the west, with ridge-top gusts to 30 mph later today. The chance of showers will increase through the week, with rain likely by Thursday.

Today, crews on the northwest side of the fire will begin scouting and brushing contingency line west and south of Elbow Springs. To the north of the fire, firefighters will continue to remove hazard trees from Pony Peak Ridge Road in preparation for strategic burning. The fire is currently holding on the west side of Swillup Creek, but changing winds predicted with today's incoming weather could challenge firefighters.

Crews on the east side will continue to improve hand and dozer line and lay hose. They have completed protection measures around the Crawford Vegetation Management Project, a 1,600-acre forest health and fuels reduction project, in an effort to reduce threat of the fire. Firefighters have completed a Structure Protection Plan around the houses along Highway 96, and will continue good communication with the landowners as the fire backs slowly toward the Highway. To ensure the safety of firefighters and the public, a Forest Closure Order is in effect for the

Pony Fire area. The closure includes Pony Peak Road (14N39), Pony Peak Ridge Road (15N30), Dry Lake Road (15N28) and Bear Peak Road (15N19) from its intersection with Douglas Creek Road (15N24) westward to its end.

More information and maps of closed roads are available at the Klamath National Forest website (www.fs.usda.gov/klamath/).

Information, maps, and closures are also posted on Inciweb at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4769/>



Caption: Pony Fire, looking north from Ti Bar. Photo taken at approximately 3pm on June 12, 2016.