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Firefighters Continue to Battle Lightning Starts on the Klamath National Forest

YREKA, CA- Firefighters worked into the night last night to protect structures in the community of Scott Bar from the Bill Fire. The Bill Fire, located near Billberry Creek in the Scott Bar Ponds area of the Scott River Ranger District is estimated to be between 50 and 60 acres. Special thanks to a local government strike team of fire engines from Klamath River, Etna, Fort Jones, Dunsmuir and Hammond Ranch for standing watch through the night to protect the community of Scott Bar.

The Goff Fire, located on the Happy Camp Ranger District near Portugese Bar is presenting some difficulties for fire fighters. It is burning in extremely difficult and inaccessible terrain. Yesterday a hand crew spent over six hours to hike to the scene of the fire.

Thirteen small fires are now confirmed to have been started by lightning that moved across the Klamath National Forest Sunday evening. Six of the fires are burning on the Scott River Ranger District, five are located on the Happy Camp Ranger District and one is located on the Oak Knoll Ranger District. Eleven of the thirteen fires are one half acre in size or smaller, with the smallest being a single burning tree near the Shackelford Creek Trailhead. The largest of the fires, the Bill Fire is estimated to be between 50 and 60 acres

There are five additional fires burning in the area just over the Forest boundary within the Red Buttes Wilderness on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. The Rogue fires cumulatively total an estimated 15 acres and all are currently staffed.

All fires are staffed with fire fighters and are being managed with a full suppression strategy.

Fire crews and equipment standing by from the Dillon Fire have been reassigned to help extinguish these new fires. The Dillon Fire, ignited on Friday August 3rd, 15 miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA near Dillon Creek, is now 90% contained. Regular updates on the Dillon fire can be found on inciweb at: <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3084/>.

The Klamath National Forest is now in fire restrictions. Forest visitors are reminded to use care while in the Forest and please check the Forest website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/klamath/> or with at Forest Service station for local conditions.

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