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Klamath Lightning Fires Goff Burning in Difficult Terrain

YREKA, CA- Across the Klamath National Forest many small fires were ignited by lightning on the evening of August 5th. Firefighters successfully checked the spread of all but two of those fires

The 15 to 20 acre Goff Fire, located on the Happy Camp Oak Knoll Ranger District near Portugese Bar is presenting 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. A type 2 incident mangement team has been ordered to help support fire fighting forces assigned to the Goff Fire.

The Bill Fire, located near Billberry Creek in the Scott Bar Ponds area of the Scott River Ranger District remained at 50 and 60 acres today. Crews made good progress building direct fireline to check the spread of the Bill Fire from moving towards the community of Scott Bar. As a precaution, a strike team of local government fire engines will stand watch through the night to protect structures if necessary.

The twelve other small fires, six on the Scott River Ranger District , six on the Happy Camp Oak Knoll Ranger District are either contained or expected to be contained by tomorrow. Each of these fires was a half acre in size or smaller.

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 contained. There will be no additional updates on the Dillon Fire.

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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