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Pony Fire Update: Thursday, June 16, 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 2,706 acres and 20 percent contained.

A strong, moist trough of air is expected to drop temperatures and bring a substantial chance of rain to the fire area on Thursday and Friday, which is expected to slow the spread of fire. Hot, dry weather is predicted to return on the weekend.

The direct containment line on the northern flank of the fire, from the ridge line of Pony Peak to Swillup Creek, held Wednesday under the cooler conditions, blocking the fire's northward movement and protecting the Crawford Vegetation Management Project, a 1,600-acre forest health and fuels reduction project. Swillup Creek is serving as a direct line on the east, enabling firefighters to hold the fire to the west of the creek. Crews will continue to hold and improve both lines on Thursday.

On the southern perimeter, crews have begun building line along the fire's edge to keep the fire from moving toward residences on Highway 96. Line construction here is expected to take about four days to complete due to extremely steep, rugged terrain, coupled with forecasted wet weather through tomorrow.

Firefighters completed work on a contingency line to the northwest of the fire from Elbow Springs to Dillon Creek on Wednesday. Most work on contingency lines on the south and southwest perimeters is also complete.

With the cooler, wetter weather, demobilization of firefighters, engines, and other personnel has begun. Fire managers expect resource numbers to rise again by early next week, as hot, dry conditions potentially increase fire activity.

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: Photo of the fuel load fire crews are working through in the area of the Pony Fire. Photo taken by Fire Behavior Analyst Teresa Riesenhuber on June 10, 2016.