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Recent Thunderstorms Touch Off Small Fires

REDDING, Calif., July 3, 2013 – The Shasta-Trinity National Forest received approximately 400 lightning strikes from the recent thunderstorms that passed through the area Tuesday night, with nine reported fires and six of those confirmed. The majority of the lightning occurred on the Shasta Lake District and on the Mt. Shasta-McCloud Management Unit. Resources committed are: three engines, three smokejumpers, one tree faller, and one patrol unit. Rappellers, firefighters that can rappel from a hovering helicopter, are enroute from the Klamath National Forest to assist. Currently, there is no threat to any homes or other structures.

Firefighters and air recon will continue patrolling in areas where other strikes occurred and may occur later today. The Forest is fully staffed to maintain initial attack capabilities with local resources and is prepared for additional lightning predicted for Wednesday night.

Additional Information: Additional fire information can be obtained by calling the Public Information Line at (530) 605-7337 or (530) 605-7245. Also check Inciweb.org for additional updates.

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