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Recent Lightning Event Resolved

REDDING, Calif., July 8, 2013 – On the evening of Tuesday, July 2nd, the Shasta-Trinity National Forest began to receive multiple lightning strikes. By the morning of Thursday, July 4th, the Forest had received approximately 2,499 lightning strikes across the Forest. There were multiple fires started by this lightning event, however all but three have been officially declared out. Two of the remaining fires are on the Mt. Shasta-McCloud Management Unit and one is on the Yolla Bolla Ranger District. All three are in patrol status and are expected to be called out within the next week.

With the amount and frequency of lightning the Shasta-Trinity NF received, there was potential for a far more widespread fire effect. However, due to rapid response and aggressive initial attack- including firefighting assistance from multiple sources such as the Los Padres National Forest (NF), the Klamath NF, the Six Rivers NF, and other forests in Oregon, this lightning event was quickly mitigated.

Firefighters and Prevention employees will continue patrolling all Forest areas. The Forest is fully staffed to maintain initial attack capabilities with local resources and is prepared for any new starts throughout the Forest.

While the Shasta-Trinity NF is not yet in fire restrictions for the season, all Forest visitors should be aware of potential fire conditions and exercise safe campfire practices. Campfires are permitted in developed recreation sites with campfire rings. In order to have a campfire outside of developed areas, visit a Ranger Station to obtain a free campfire permit. Motorists should also be aware of the dangers of sparks created by dragging chains: visit the Spotlight section of our website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/stnf/> for more details.

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

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