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Moisture Slows Fish Fire Growth

Acres: 2,000

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 7 percent

Terrain: Steep, rugged

Total Personnel: 370

Reported Date: August 23, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

Location: 25 miles northeast of Springville, CA

Fuels: Mixed conifer with brush understory

Resources: 5 helicopters, 6 hotshot crews, 4 hand crews

SPRINGVILLE, CA – Light precipitation and increased humidity slowed the growth of the Fish Fire yesterday. Fire growth was limited to 100 acres. Crews took advantage of the decreased fire behavior due to the weather to construct and reinforce containment lines around the east and west sides of the fire.

Fire managers are careful not to underestimate the fuel conditions in the area which remain very dry and ready to burn. Today existing crews, aided by an additional hotshot crew, will begin working on containment of the spot fires to the east side of the main body of the fish fire. Helicopters will work closely with ground resources to suppress the smaller fires. These actions may take several days to complete due to steep rugged terrain in the area.

In an effort to provide for public safety, a closure has been put into place for the fire area in the Golden Trout Wilderness. More information on the area closure can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/jwwlglr>.

Although smoke produced by the fire has decreased, smoke may be visible from the surrounding communities throughout the day and is likely to settle into the valleys overnight and in the morning hours. Information on air quality and measures you can take at home to reduce your exposure to smoke can be found on <http://www.valleyair.org/Home.htm> for the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District or <http://www.gbuapcd.org/> for the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District.

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