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# Fire Update

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## Lightning Fire Update – August 11, 2017

**EUREKA, California, August 11, 2017** Lightning activity over the past week ignited a number of wildfires in the Six Rivers National Forest, from the Gasquet Ranger District to the north and the Mad River Ranger District to the south.

The Young Fire is on the Gasquet Ranger District. It is approximately 200 acres (0% contained) located east of Gasquet in a remote area within the Siskiyou Wilderness. Local district staff are actively monitoring this fire to ensure a confinement strategy is being met. There is no current threat to structures or communities from this fire.

The Ruth Complex, located on the Mad River Ranger District, is 1870 acres and 10% contained. The largest fire in complex is the Dutchman Fire, approximately 815 acres (0% contained). The Secret Fire is at 55 acres (10% contained) with structures potentially threatened. The Willie Fire, also within the Ruth Complex, is at and 1000 acres (10% contained). The Ruth Complex is currently being managed by a Type 3 Incident Management Organization under Incident Commander Duane Franklin. Northern California Incident Management Team 1 (Type 1) under Incident Commander Mike Minton will take command of the complex over the weekend.

Other fires on the Lower Trinity and Orleans Ranger Districts have been detected and are being monitored by local district staff. More information will be provided as circumstances develop.

The forest's first priority is to provide for firefighter and public safety, along with protecting property.

The Six Rivers National Forest remains under fire restrictions. Details about these restrictions can be found on the forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/srnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/srnf).

Forest visitors need to be extremely careful when camping, hunting, driving in the backcountry and when cutting fire wood to not accidentally start a wildfire. For more information on how wildfires can be prevented, remember "One Less Spark, One Less Wildfire" and visit <http://preventwildfireca.org/OneLessSpark/>

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