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USDA Forest Service Plumas National Forest

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Plumas National Forest Lightning Update

During the afternoon of June 21, a dry lightning storm cell moved across the western slope of the Sierra from the southern Sierras to the Oregon border. This cell touched off 40 to 50 fires on the Plumas National Forest. The fire locations range from the western Sierra foothills, with smoke columns visible from the towns of Oroville and Paradise, and east to Highway 89, with smoke visible from the towns of Greenville, Quincy and Graeagle.

The largest is the 150 acre Cold Fire near Coldwater Creek in the south, central part of the Forest. Numerous small fires, ranging from a tenth of an acre to 5 to 20 acres have been spotted west of Quincy from Slate Creek, north to Round Valley and further down the Feather River drainages to the west. There are no structures threatened by any of the fires at this time.

Smoke from the fires has drifted into valley bottoms in and around the Forest. Today's weather forecast is for stable conditions, with prevailing southwest winds and slight cooling from yesterday with temperatures in the upper 80's to low 90's.

Additional fire fighting resources continue to arrive to assist local firefighters.

Updated information can be found at www.inciweb.org or www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas.