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Fire News Release # 3

Type II Incident Management Team - Incident Commander – Linda Szczepanik

Eldorado National Forest

Placerville and Pacific Ranger Districts

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Today's Date: Thursday, October 14, 2004 8:00 p.m.

Contact: Kristi Schroeder – Information Officer

Incident Fire Info: Pacific Ranger District **Phone:** (530) 647-5415

Start Date: October 14, 2004

Cause: Under Investigation

Location: North of Kyburz and Highway 50 between Wrights Lake road and Ice House road. South of Ice House Reservoir.

Acreage: 5,000 **Containment:** 10% **Expected Containment:** October 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Fuel type: Heavy timber, brush, and plantations.

Committed Fire Resources: 490 plus firefighters and overhead.

Engines: 35 Crews: 12 Helicopters: 2 Dozers: 8 Water Tenders: 13 Tankers: yes

General Location: The Incident Command Post/Fire Camp is located at Sunset Campground. Fire Information staff are currently working out of the Pacific Ranger District.

Discussion:

- Strong winds and steep terrain have allowed the fire to spread in a northwest direction from Highway 50 east of Kyburz. The fire is still south of Ice House Reservoir and east of Ice House road.
- Fireline construction progressed well today.
- Structure protection around the communities of Kyburz and Silver Fork continues to be a priority.
- **Road Closures:** Highway 50 at Pollock Pines (Sly Park exit) and Meyers. The road remains closed due to safety concerns (numerous snags). The road will re-open when the safety concerns are handled. Resources are working on falling the unsafe trees.
- **Evacuation:** Kyburz and Silver Fork communities. Evacuation Center is at the Pollock Pines Community Center. 530-647-8005.
- Two pumphouses have been destroyed which are part of the Kyburz water system. No residences or commercial properties were burned.
- 2 injuries- a sprained ankle and knee.

Cooperating Agencies: Cal-Trans, PG&E, Sierra Pacific Industries, North Lake Tahoe Fire (Incline Village), Cameron Park Fire, California Department of Forestry, and California Highway Patrol.

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