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Fire News Release # 5

Type II Incident Management Team - Incident Commander – Linda Szczepanik

Eldorado National Forest

Placerville and Pacific Ranger Districts

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Today's Date: Friday, October 15, 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: 7,700 **Containment:** 50% **Expected Containment:** October 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Fuel type: Heavy timber, brush, and plantations.

Committed Fire Resources: 903 plus firefighters and overhead.

Engines: 70 Crews: 28 Helicopters: 6 Dozers: 16 Water Tenders: 17 Tankers:

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:

- Winds have returned to a normal pattern of southwestern direction. This is pushing smoke into the Tahoe Basin area. The fire is still south of Ice House Reservoir and east of Ice House road.
- Crews have made good progress today on line construction. Steep terrain continues to be a problem.
- **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 numerous unsafe trees and removing loose rocks and boulders that are in the road.
- **Evacuation:** Silver Fork community. Evacuation Center is at the Pollock Pines Community Center. 530-647-8005 and 530-647-1036. Kyburz residents were allowed to return home as of 4:00 p.m. Permits to pass through the roadblock can be obtained from the El Dorado County Sheriff's office. Silver Fork residents are still not allowed in due to continued burnout operations in the Silver Fork area to re-enforce the fire line.
- Two pumphouses have been destroyed which are part of the Kyburz water system. No residences or commercial properties were burned.
- 3 injuries- a sprained ankle and knee.

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