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Fire News Release #7

Type II Incident Management Team - Incident Commander – Linda Szczepanik

Eldorado National Forest

Placerville and Pacific Ranger Districts

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Today's Date: Saturday, October 16, 2004 7:00 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. The fire is south of Ice House Reservoir and east of Ice House road.

Acreage: 7,700 **Containment:** 80% **Expected Containment:** October 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Fuel type: Heavy timber, brush, and plantations.

Committed Fire Resources: 1057 plus firefighters and overhead.

Engines: 77 Crews: 31 Helicopters: 5 Dozers: 16 Water Tenders: 17

Discussion:

- The increased winds from the incoming storm has resulted in increased fire activity. Firefighters will be on the firelines watching for spot fires throughout the night. The southwest wind is pushing the smoke into the Tahoe Basin area.
- Crews have made good progress on the eastern flank with the support of retardant drops from air tankers.
- **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. Ice House road is closed from Highway 50 to Robbs Resort.
- **Evacuation:** Silver Fork community. The Evacuation Center was closed this afternoon. Kyburz residents and Silver Fork residents south of Highway 50 were allowed to return home as of 4:00 p.m. on Friday. Permits for residents to pass through the roadblock can be obtained at the road block. Silver Fork residents north of the highway are still not allowed in due to continued burnout operations in the Silver Fork area.
- Two pumphouses have been destroyed which are part of the Kyburz water system. No residences or commercial properties were burned.
- 3 injuries- an eye injury, a sprained ankle and knee.

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