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Moke Fire Information Update #1

Pioneer, California: At approximately 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 20, 2004, a fire was discovered in the Mokelumne Wilderness on the Amador Ranger District of the Eldorado National Forest. The fire has been named the Moke Incident and a Type 3 Incident Management Team has been assigned. Joan McNamara is the Incident Commander.

The fire is currently estimated at about 50 acres, with no containment or estimate of containment at this time. The fire is burning in very steep terrain and spotting has been reported well in advance of the fire. The fire is being staffed by four twenty-person hand crews, and supported by four helicopters at this time. The fire is human caused.

All campers and hikers should be aware that the vegetation in some areas is very dry and prone to fire. To preserve the natural environment for others, everyone should be extremely careful when recreating in the local area. Campfire permits are required in the forest, outside of the developed campgrounds.