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Moke Fire Information Update #2

Pioneer, California: The Moke Fire grew to approximately 200 acres overnight. The crews working the fire were able to contain about 25% of the fire, while working in very steep terrain, yesterday. Fire managers are hoping to have full containment by Friday, June 25th.

There are now five, twenty-person hand crews working to contain the fire. They are being supported by three water-dropping helicopters and an air attack aircraft. There are also several logistical and command staff in support, for a total of about 120 personnel on the incident.

The Moke Fire is burning in brush and timber within the Mokelumne Wilderness of the Eldorado National Forest. Specifically, the fire is located a mile south of Mokelumne Peak, in an area referred to as the Mokelumne Tetons. Salt Springs Reservoir is two miles southwest of the fire.

The fire was human caused. During the summer months, the wilderness area can be accessed by the Blue Hole Trail at the Salt Springs Trailhead. Recreationists are asked to

avoid the area of the fire for the next several days, to allow firefighters to safely perform their work. Campers should be especially careful with fire this time of year. Campfire permits need to be obtained when camping outside of developed campgrounds in the forest. In addition, care should be taken to drown, stir and feel the campfire when leaving, to ensure that the fire is completely out. All trash should be removed and properly disposed of by campers.