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## **Lightning Update**

A series of lightning strikes late in the afternoon on Thursday, July 5, are responsible for starting over a dozen fires on the Plumas National Forest in northeastern California.

Collectively called the Antelope Complex, the largest of the fires is dubbed the Wheeler Fire, pegged at 1,000 acres late Thursday night. The remaining fires are small. The Antelope Complex is approximately 12 airmiles northeast of Taylorsville and 5-6 airmiles south of Antelope Lake.

Campgrounds in the Antelope Lake area and some scattered summer residences were evacuated as a precaution Thursday evening. Forest road 29N43 is closed between Flournoy Road and Antelope Lake Dam. There are no other homes or communities threatened currently.

Additional fire fighting resources, including a Type 2 Team, are arriving to assist local firefighters.

The Wheeler Fire is expected to actively burn through the night with acreage increases expected.

Dry lightning is forecast for Friday and Saturday.

Information will be updated mid Friday morning. Please check [inciweb.org](http://inciweb.org) at that time.

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