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Buckeye Fire was lightning caused and is now 20% Contained

Bridgeport, CA— The investigators on the Buckeye Fire have completed the investigation this morning and determined the fire was lightning caused. The origin of the fire is north of the Buckeye Hot Springs, located five miles west of Bridgeport. The fire started yesterday, September 25, 2011 around 11 a.m. and grew to 1,200 acres. “Firefighters made large strides with constructing hand-lines, which complimented a highly effective air attack. Giving us 20% containment this afternoon”, advised Incident Commander Paul Washam. At the time of this release there is no estimate on when full containment will occur.

Approximately 300 personnel are working on the fire, including ground and air crews. No structures have been lost and no injuries have been reported. Firefighters have been faced with steep terrain and changing wind conditions making it a difficult fire to contain.

Currently, there are road closures in the area of the fire. Buckeye Road (Forest Road 32017) has been closed to the public between its junction with US-395 on the north and CA-420 (Twin Lakes Road) on the south. The Buckeye Campground has also been evacuated. Drivers are asked to use caution if having to travel on roadways near the fire as crews and apparatus are still actively working. On lookers are asked to stay out of the area for the safety of themselves and personnel.