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OAKHURST FIRE CAUSES

CAL FIRE Investigators, in cooperation with investigators from the United States Forest Service, have identified a juvenile suspect, in connection with a series of arson fires in Madera County. The fires all occurred in the Oakhurst area over the past several months. The case will be referred to the District Attorney in Madera County for appropriate action. The suspect allegedly intentionally started 13 fires.

The juvenile is not responsible for starting the active Courtney Fire, which has been burning since Sunday. CAL FIRE in cooperation with the Madera County Sheriff's Department has identified the person believed to be responsible for starting the Courtney Fire. This case will also be referred to the District Attorney's Office for appropriate action.

Investigators are still working on determining a cause for the Junction Fire; however, they do not believe either of these two individuals are connected with the cause of this fire.

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