

# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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Protection

## Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit

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**MARIPOSA:** On July 31, 2011 a series of lightning storms with minimal precipitation moved through Madera and Mariposa Counties sparking several wildland fires. The first lightning strike was at approximately 9:00 a.m. with 8 fires breaking out in Madera County and 6 fires in Mariposa County. The largest of the fires was in the Hensley Lake area and is 95 acres. All of the fires were in remote areas with difficult terrain and access for crews. Forward progress of all 14 fires has been stopped. CAL FIRE resources from other counties and cooperating agencies assisted with suppression of the fires and will be in the area until all fires are controlled. No damage to any structures has been reported.

The next couple of days will be most critical as the weather warms and a drying trend is expected in the region. Aircraft will fly the region again today looking for any new fires. As the weather warms any smoldering fires as a result of lightning may become active.

The following is a list of the larger active fire currently being worked by CAL FIRE:

### **Madera County:**

Hensley Fire- 95 acres, forward progress stopped.

Grove Fire- 10 acres, forward progress stopped.

### **Mariposa County:**

Bailey Fire- 10 acres, forward progress stopped.

Silver Fire- 3 acres, forward progress stopped.