



**For Immediate Release**

**Date: June 18, 2013**

**Time: 9:30 PM Fire Update #5**

<b>Carstens Fire</b>	<b>Location:</b> Mariposa County, one mile east of Midpines and Highway 140		
<b>Acres Burned:</b>	1,880	<b>Structures Threatened:</b>	500
<b>Containment:</b>	40%	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b>	0
<b>Fire Started:</b>	June 16, 2013	<b>Injuries:</b>	1
<b>Cause:</b>	Human Caused		
<b>Total personnel assigned to the Fire: 1,223</b>			

**Summary**

- The Carstens Fire started June 16, 2013, at approximately 2 p.m. at the bottom of Plumbar Creek in Mariposa County. It is currently in Clarks Valley.
- The fire has been determined to be human caused. An unattended campfire was not fully extinguished. Continued vigilance and fire safety during dry forest conditions is required.

**Fire Update**

- There is a combination of hand and dozer line around the north end of the fire; firefighters are improving the line while mopup actions continue. The biggest growth for the fire has been in the Jerseydale and Hites Cove areas. Lowered temperatures overnight have helped with making progress. If temperatures are similar tonight, continued gains are expected. On the southwest side of the fire, the fire backed downslope toward the constructed dozer lines burning pockets of green fuel between the fire line and the fire. This is favorable for containment goals.
- Cooperating Agencies include: the US Forest Service; CALFIRE; California Highway Patrol, National Park Service, and Mariposa County, Mariposa County Fire, Mariposa County Sheriff.

**Road Closures**

**Triangle Road at Hwy 140    Carlton Rd. at Triangle Rd.                    Silva Rd. at Triangle Rd.**

**Triangle Rd. at Darrah Rd.**

**Evacuations:**

**\*\*\* After 8 p.m. approx. 700 residents will be allowed back into the Lushmeadow area, ID required \*\*\*\***

- Evacuation orders are in effect for the areas of: Hites Cove; Jerseydale; Clarks Valley; Mariposa Pines; and residents on the north side of Triangle Rd. from HWY 140 to Darrah Rd.

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**Recorded evacuation/emergency services: (209) 966-1133.**

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