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Amador-El Dorado Lightning Fires Controlled

Camino - "All lightning caused wildland fires in the Amador-El Dorado Unit of CAL FIRE have been fully controlled" stated Incident Commander Brian Estes who added "steep terrain and difficult access into these fires combined with heavy, dense vegetation slowed firefighting efforts."

Beginning last Sunday, July 22nd through Monday July 23rd, the Amador-El Dorado Unit experienced extreme lightning activity with 1848 lightning strikes in a 12 hour period. There were a total of 20 wildland fires included in the lightning complex with 8 fires in El Dorado County and 12 in Amador County. The 20th wildland fire caused by lightning (a hold over fire) occurred this morning in the Sandridge Road area and burned a total of 3 acres. This fire has been 100% contained.

All equipment has been demobilized and returned to their respective stations, camps and CAL FIRE Units.

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