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August Lightning Fires Update – 5 p.m.

WILLOWS, Calif. – Aug. 16, 2020 – Lightning sparked multiple new fires on the Mendocino National Forest after early morning thunderstorms moved across the area Sunday, Aug. 16. Fire managers have identified and staffed six fires. Additional resources have been ordered to assist.

The largest fire is the Doe Fire located near Valley View Orchard approximately 35 miles northwest of Willows, Calif. in Glenn County. It is estimated at 100 acres with an engine, two airtankers, one helicopter and air attack assigned.

The other fires are scattered around the Grindstone Ranger District and range in size from ½ acre to 15 acres, except for the Bean Fire on the Covelo Ranger District which is estimated at five acres.

Our primary wildfire response strategy for 2020 is aggressive initial attack and rapid containment to minimize the number of large wildfires. Incident information is posted at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6983/>

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