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WILDLAND FIRE 100% CONTAINED

KERNVILLE, CA ... Full containment was declared on the "Camp" wildfire last night at 6:00 p.m. The wildfire started at 5:43 p.m. on July 22 and is located approximately one mile south of the Kern Valley Airport near Kernville. It burned nearly 700 acres of BLM, Private and Forest lands, driven by strong winds and hot temperatures.

Nearly 50 firefighters will remain on the fire today to conduct "mop-up" operations along the perimeter that extends over six miles of steep and rocky ground. Today some interior leftover hotspots may continue to flare up throughout the hot afternoon. Two hand crews, one water tender, two engines, and one dozer are still assigned to the fire.

Over 150 firefighters were on scene yesterday to help complete the containment effort. One water-dropping helicopter was used in conjunction with hand crews and equipment to fight this fire. Dozers were effective building fire lines in Cyrus Canyon. Early in the suppression effort, two air tankers were also called to the scene.

Eight homes were threatened by the progress of this fire. No damage was suffered to any of the buildings. There have been no injuries reported to date on this fire.

Wildland firefighters and managers from the Kern County Fire Department, the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Forest Service worked together as a multi-agency organization to quickly get a hold of this wildland fire.

Fire officials say the cause of the fire will remain under investigation. The public is being urged to continue to be fire safe during this hot and dry fire season. Homeowners are still being asked to clear sufficient defensible space around their homes. The wildland fire season has proven to be busy as over 175 wildland fires were reported nationally today.

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