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County Fire Assists the US Forest Service on Remote Vegetation Fire

Date/Time: *September 27th, 2014*
Location: *Swarthout Canyon Rd. and Lost Lake*
Incident: *Vegetation Fire*

Summary: At approximately 2340 hrs, multiple calls were received for a possible vegetation fire in the area of Swarthout Canyon Road and Lost Lake in the San Bernardino National Forest. Upon arrival units found approximately one acre of vegetation burning in thick brush along the side of Lost Lake. The San Bernardino County Fire Department, along with CalFire, assisted the US Forest Service with containing the fire to three acres.

Crews were hampered by the remote location and thick brush in their efforts to extinguish the fire, which took approximately two hours to contain. Cooperation between agencies is key to the successful suppression of vegetation fires in this area, and this fire was no exception. To assist the 3 Engines, 1 Hand Crew, and 1 Battalion Chief from the US Forest Service in this cooperative effort, County Fire responded with 3 Engines, 2 Water Tenders, 1 Inmate Hand Crew, and a Battalion Chief, along with 4 Engines from CalFire.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation, and there were no reports of any injuries to any firefighters from any of the three agencies.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department reminds the public that as we move into the Fall, fire season in Southern California is still an extreme danger. The Santa Ana winds that occur in our area pose a significant fire threat, especially to those areas where homes meet the vegetation, otherwise known as the "Urban Interface." For more information on fire safety, and planning for a vegetation fire in your area, please visit our website (sbcfire.org) and click on the "Ready, Set, Go"

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