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A San Bernardino County firefighter puts a hot spot after a number of spot fires were reported along southbound side of interstate 15 in the Cajon Pass Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2019 between Oak Hill and the 138. The cause of the fires are under investigation. (Photo by Will Lester, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin/SCNG)

Spot fires broke out along the southbound 15 Freeway north of Cajon Junction Wednesday, Aug. 28, bringing several fire agencies to the area and closing at least one freeway lane.

The Boxcar fire may have been caused by debris from a truck or a dragged chain, according to reports on the California Highway Patrol log and witnesses at the scene, but it is under investigation by the U.S. Forest Service.

The rate of spread for the five spot fires had been stopped by 12:48 p.m., according to the San Bernardino National Forest, one of the agencies that responded. The fires were first reported by the CHP about one hour earlier.

The No. 4 lane of the southbound freeway was closed into the afternoon between Oak Hills Road and Highway 38, and the CHP ran several traffic breaks in the area during the fires, according to its log.

The combined size of the fires was estimated at 5 1/2 acres, according to the San Bernardino National Forest, with the largest spot at the most southern point, estimated at 3-4 acres.

San Bernardino National Forest, **San Bernardino County Fire** and Cal Fire San Bernardino firefighters were all at the scene.

San Bernardino National Forest spokesman Zach Behrens said an investigator went to the scene to look into the cause of the blazes.

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