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Subject: Wildfire Update

The fire area did not increase much today, and burnouts are scheduled for tomorrow. The fire is expected to continue spreading to the east, west, and north on the northern side of Greenville watershed and potentially burn another large amount of acres. Kim Stenson will visit the site tomorrow.

FORECAST - There is the possibility of some significant rain **starting on** Tuesday, which will help immensely if that occurs.

SIZE - The Pinnacle Mountain Fire is 7,282 acres in size and 40 % contained.

EVACUATIONS - There were 806 residences threatened (Pickens County 112, Greenville County 523, Transylvania County 171) and over 300 other structures threatened. There is still the possibility of additional evacuations in both Greenville and Pickens Counties.

AIR SUPPORT - SCNG helicopters (two Chinooks [1 SC and 1 GA], two Blackhawk, and one Lakota) are being used for water drops to cool off hotspots. Also SCFC aircraft continue to fly today. Primary mission is to watch for spotovers, ensure crew safety, and also coordinate air operations with the SC National Guard. USDA Forest Service also has a small helicopter on scene for reconnaissance and some bucket work.

ESTIMATED COSTS - Estimated incident costs to date are approximately \$2,600,000.

PERSONNEL - There were 258 personnel involved in firefighting activities.

OPERATIONS - There is another burnout that will occur tomorrow along the state line if the weather permits. This will add another roughly 5,000 acres to the size of the fire. The burnout was attempted several times today, but was unsuccessful. North Carolina Forest Service has been in on the planning process of this burnout and has been assisting in preparation and execution of the mission.

Note - There have been no injuries or fatalities with this incident.