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## Chris Fire Update, Nov. 14, 10:45 a.m.

**Bridgeport, CA., Nov. 14, 2017** – The Chris Fire was started by a vehicle accident around 11:28 a.m. on Nov. 13 west of U.S. Route 395, about five miles north of Sonora Junction near the Chris Flat Campground. The fire is burning in very steep terrain in grass, sagebrush, and timber. High winds caused the fire to grow to 370 acres.

Due to both ground and air firefighting operations and rolling rocks, highway 395 remains closed both northbound and southbound from Bridgeport, California, to the Nevada State Line. Access to California State Route 108 is available for Northbound Highway 395 travelers, as well as access to Walker, California, for Southbound Highway 395 travelers. Large trucks will not have access and must use detours. For the latest highway and detour information, please visit the Caltrans QuickMap site at quickmap.dot.ca.gov or call the Road Condition Hotline at 1-800-427-ROAD (7623).

Ten handcrews, 14 engines, one dozer, one air attack and four helicopters are working to suppress the fire today. There are a number of cooperating agencies who have provided resources for the firefighting effort including the U.S. Forest Service, California Division of Forestry (Cal Fire), Nevada Division of Forestry, Bureau of Land Management, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, Antelope Valley Fire Department, East Fork Fire Protection District, Carson City Fire Department, Sparks Fire Department, Mono County Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, Nevada Highway Patrol, California Department of Transportation, Nevada Department of Transportation.

For further information please look for updates at <u>https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5659/</u> or participate in the conversation at <u>https://twitter.com/HumboldtToiyabe</u> and <u>https://www.facebook.com/HumboldtToiyabeNF/</u>. (Use hashtag #ChrisFire)

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The Humboldt-Toiyabe's spectacular 6.3 million acres make it the largest national forest in the lower 48 states. Located in Nevada and a small portion of eastern California, the Forest offers year-round recreation of all types.