

The National Fire Plan

Containment of GO Fire

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National Fire Plan-funded equipment and personnel were instrumental in containing the 25-acre GO Fire near the town of Orleans, Calif., according to Orleans District Ranger Bill Heitler. Six engines, four handcrews, four water tenders and several overhead personnel contained the fire.

Equipment and personnel made available through National Fire Plan funding played a large role in the rapid, successful containment of the fire. Contract engines, water tenders and crews on standby at the Orleans Ranger District responded quickly and were able to hold the fire in check.

The GO Fire started about 6 p.m. on Sept. 10 in mixed conifer timber and brush on private land and spread rapidly up steep slopes. Initial attack crews were able to contain the fire by approximately 3 a.m. on Sept. 11. Crews with the USDA Forest Service managed the fire along with assistance from the landowner, Orleans Volunteer Fire Department, the Hoopa Tribe of California, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, crews from the California Department of Corrections and several local contractors.