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CAL FIRE Investigators Determine Cause of the Kincade Fire

Sacramento – The Kincade Fire in Sonoma County, started on October 23, 2019, and burned a total of 77,758 acres, destroyed 374 structures and caused four non-life threatening injuries.

CAL FIRE investigators were immediately dispatched to the Kincade Fire and began working to determine the origin and cause of the fire. After a very meticulous and thorough investigation, CAL FIRE has determined that the Kincade Fire was caused by electrical transmission lines owned and operated by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) located northeast of Geyserville.

Tinder dry vegetation and strong winds combined with low humidity and warm temperatures contributed to extreme rates of fire spread.

The Kincade Fire investigative report has been forwarded to the Sonoma County District Attorney's Office.

Californians must remain vigilant and be prepared for wildfire. For more information on how to be prepared, visit www.readyforwildfire.org or www.fire.ca.gov.

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