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Fire Incident Report
Meridian Boundary Fire
May 28, 2010
7:00 a.m.
Incident Update 11

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Current Status

Location: South Branch Township, Crawford County
Size: 8,586 acres
Percent Contained: 95 percent as of 4:00 p.m. May 26, 2010
Injuries/Deaths: None
Structures Destroyed/Damaged: 12 residences destroyed; 6 residences damaged
36 outbuildings destroyed or damaged
Structures Threatened but Undamaged: **181**

Resources committed to incident

The Lower Peninsula Incident Management Team, Incident Commander Lee Osterland, continues to manage the Meridian Fire. The fire will be transitioned to the local management unit on Friday, May 28, 2010.

Total Personnel on fire: 23 from Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) as well as staff from the United States Forest Service (USFS)

Weather

Temperatures will be 79 - 84 degrees with humidity of 26 - 31%. Winds will be north at 5 miles per hour.

Announcements/ Additional Information

Fire danger throughout the northern Lower Peninsula remains very high through the holiday weekend. While burn permits are not required for campfires, the DNRE and USFS ask that you be very cautious and make sure fires are completely out and not left unattended. For information on burn permits for other types of burning please visit our website at www.michigan.gov/burnpermit or call 866-922-2876.

Firefighters continue to work on the Meridian Fire. Please do not travel on suppression lines. If you are travelling in the fire area, remember to drive slowly and with your lights on.

Maps/Pictures

Maps, photos and more information can be viewed in the window of the Village Hardware on Lake Street in Roscommon. Information may also be obtained at Information Stations at the intersection of M18 and Hunter Lake Road, the intersection of M18 and Old M144 and at the DNRE website at www.michigan.gov/dnre.