CALIFORNIA, South Central

**CAZ096 S Sierra Mtns**

- **Date**: 01 0000PST, 11 1700PST
- **Character of Storm**: Wildfire

The Comb Fire was lightning initiated on July 22nd but allowed to burn as a resource fire 18 miles northeast of Grant Grove in Fresno County. At last report on September 11th, it had burned 9418 acres with no injuries or structures lost.

**CAZ097 Tulare Cty Mtns**

- **Date**: 01 0000PST, 19 1700PST
- **Character of Storm**: Wildfire

The Crag Fire was lightning initiated on July 24th 5 miles northwest of Kennedy Meadows in Tulare County. Burning for resources benefit, the fire consumed 1098 acres at last report on the 19th. No injuries occurred or structures lost from the fire.

**CAZ096 S Sierra Mtns**

- **Date**: 01 0000PST, 09 1700PST
- **Character of Storm**: Wildfire

The Corral Fire was lightning started on the 14th of August in the high Sierra Nevada 11 miles southeast of Mammoth Lakes in Madera County. The fire was initially allowed to burn unmanaged through August and became actively managed in early September. The fire burned approximately 195 acres with no injuries or structures lost with the last report on September 9th.

**CAZ095 Kern Cty Mtns**

- **Date**: 20 0145PST, 21 0700PST
- **Kern County 12 NE (Bfl)Meadows Fiel**: 14 NE
- **Character of Storm**: Lightning

The Pine Fire was lightning initiated by embedded thunderstorms from moisture associated with Hurricane Max as it swept northward into Central California early in the morning of the 20th. The fire was aided by gusty southeast wind and burned 1814 acres 12-15 miles northeast of Bakersfield in the foothill grasslands. No structures were lost nor injuries reported.

**CAZ094 Tulare Cty foothills**

- **Date**: 20 0308PST, 20 0000PST
- **Tulare County 3 NE Woodlake**: 03 NE
- **Character of Storm**: Lightning

A lightning caused fire burned 300 acres northeast of Woodlake during the early morning hours of the 20th.

**Merced County**

- **Dos Palos**: 20 1400PST
- **5 SW Dos Palos**: 20 1400PST
- **Atwater to Livingston**: 20 1530PST
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**Character of Storm**: Heavy Rain, Lightning

The first of 3 known lightning strikes within an hour of 1400 PST on the west side of Merced County ignited a small fire southwest of Dos Palos in the West-Central San Joaquin Valley. Periods of locally heavy thundershowers from moisture released from Hurricane Max occurred. Dos Palos had in excess of 0.50” causing local street flooding by 1655 PST. In East-Central San Joaquin Valley locally heavy thundershowers were reported over parts of Highway 99. The east San Joaquin Valley thunderstorm activity also had smaller hail up to 1/2” reported at 1850 PST 2 miles southeast of Fresno.
The Los Banos Fire just west of Interstate Highway 5 and west of the community of Los Banos was initiated by lightning on the afternoon of the 20th. The fire burned 900 grassland acres before it was contained but no injuries occurred nor structures lost.

Mid-afternoon thunderstorm development on the 20th had short, narrow hail swaths with locally heavy rain. The city of Coalinga had 0.53” of rain for the mid to late afternoon. While most hail size reports were "pea" size a couple of reports of larger hail were noted on the west side of the Central San Joaquin Valley by mid-afternoon.

Outflow from afternoon thunderstorms raised numerous areas of blowing dust on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley. Visibility dropped to only 100 feet in the Fresno County community of San Joaquin while several areas from Hanford west to the the Avenal-Coalinga area of Kings-Fresno County experienced lowered visibility in dust and/or heavy rain. Navy Lemoore reported a west-southwest wind gust to 38 knots. Cotton crop damage was reported on the Fresno-Kings County line from thunderstorm southerly high wind along with smaller hail and very heavy rain.

The La Paloma Fire was lightning initiated during the early evening of the 20th. It burned 700 acres near Hornitos or about 17 miles west of Mariposa in the Southern Sierra Nevada foothills. There were no injuries nor structures lost from the fire.
The Crane Fire burned 412 acres 3 miles east of Lebec in the Kern County Mountains. Its origin and cost to fight was unreported. No injuries occurred nor were structures lost in battling the fire.

Early morning thunderstorms moved over the east side of the Central and South San Joaquin Valley. Only trace to very light amounts of rain were reported on the Valley Floor.

An evening thunderstorm brought a lightning strike at Ranger and Bowman Streets in Ridgecrest. Power was disrupted to 2700 electric utility customers.