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Lightning Brings Five New Fires In Flagler

June 24, 2011 Bunnell Fl. -- Five new fires sprouted up from lightning strikes from a thunder storm that passed through Flagler County Thursday night.

Two of those fires are still giving firefighters trouble Friday morning as they battle to encircle them with containment lines. They are located west of County Road 13 and the Flagler County Recreation Area near Opossum Lane. One of the fires, called Opossum 1 is estimated at 15 acres and the Opossum 2 fire is estimated at 2 acres.

Two more fires near the intersection of Roberts Road and Colbert Lane popped up last night are contained this morning and another fire in the Seminole Woods subdivision of Palm Coast near Ulturn Trail was quickly doused and is considered out.

Most of the rain fell last night in the southeastern portion of the county with a half to 1 inch being reported. No rain was reported in western Flagler County where a majority of the wildfires are located. The National Weather Service is predicting a 70 percent chance of afternoon showers for Flagler County today. Bob Pickering with Flagler County's Emergency Services said, because there are a number of factors that interact to cause the rain showers rather than one big system, where the rain will fall and how much, will vary throughout the county.

Flagler County pulled back a strike team that was to be sent to Volusia County today to be able to handle the new fires in Flagler County. County firefighters are being assisted by the local Division of Forestry and units from the Red Team in battling the Opossum Lane fires.

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