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FELICIA FIRE UPDATE

On October 3, Lake Piru and the surrounding area were hit with a wildfire. Dubbed the Felicia Fire, it spread to 367 acres and blazed until it was contained on October 7. United Water Conservation District (UWCD) and all the staff at Lake Piru Recreation Area, which UWCD owns and operates, are incredibly grateful to the 500 firefighters and emergency responders who converged on the scene to save our Recreation Area. Without their rapid response, there is a good chance that the fire would have spread through Olive Grove Campground, taking our camp hosts' campers with it. Below, we provide a look at the fire event as it happened.



The fire spread quickly, covering two miles in an hour as it reached the gate house.



Evacuations were ordered in response to the fire, and visitors exited the lake swiftly and safely.



The fire drew dangerously close to Olive Grove Campground. We are thankful to the firefighters for their tireless efforts to save the site.



The lake provided a vital water source to aid the firefighters in their efforts, as it has before during other regional fires.

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