Fire Crews Kept Busy In Calaveras Yesterday

One residence and one vehicle were destroyed in a fire that burned just over 11 acres in Calaveras County yesterday. According to CAL FIRE the blaze broke out just after 1 off Old Immigrant Trail, between Hangman’s Tree and Rustlers Pass in the Mountain Ranch area. Dubbed the Rainbow Fire, the forward progress was stopped around 4:30. Aircraft assisted ground crews. The cause of the fire is under investigation. The Red Cross was called in to help the residents of the home that was destroyed.

Earlier in the morning a home in Mokelumne Hill went up in flames. First responders arrived on scene just after 3:30 at a structure fire off China Gulch Road that also burned four outbuildings. The blaze also damaged a neighboring home, power poles and destroyed two vehicles. The residents were able to safely evacuate, and no injuries were reported. Pacific Gas & Electric Co.’s distribution lines were not damaged by the fire, but the utility did have to replace service lines to the damaged home across the street. PG&E also replaced two cross arms and a transformer. Firefighters worked on the blaze until about 7:30 A.M.

