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Good evening, just a quick end-of-day briefing for you all. As this was a significant weather event day, I thought it appropriate to throw out one last update as this operational period comes to a close. The Operations Section reported that, thus far, the fire has shown minimal spread today, in spite of significant winds in the area. If anything, it crept very short distances to the west, and to the south. The drone flight generated LARGE amounts of data, and the operators need a fair amount of time to filter, revise and format chunks of it for dissemination. The camera systems take full color and infrared high-definition video, as well as over 5000 still images. We look forward to seeing the final product, likely tomorrow. The drone will be back in the air tomorrow for continued reconnaissance. Finally, it looks like the westerly winds that picked up this afternoon will stay with us through the night. They appear to have moderated a little, but still could have some impact on fire activity tonight. We'll try not to bother you very much tomorrow, unless necessary. Look for an update in the evening, and enjoy your Sunday.

Thank you.
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