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3 On Sunday, June 14, 2020, at 12:53 PM, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department  
4 (SBCFD) responded to a wildland fire located near Drum Canyon Road and Highway 246.

5 The fire was named the "Drum Incident" by Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office (SBSO)

6 Dispatch. Santa Barbara County records identify the property where the Drum Incident

7 ignited as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 099-210-076. The subject property is located

8 on Drum Canyon Road north of Highway 246 and has no assigned address. The Specific

9 Origin Area (SOA) is located near Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates N

10 34.634281°, W -120.280928°. The subject property is located on land designated as

11 California State Responsibility Area (SRA). The fire consumed approximately 696 acres of

12 wildland area located in SRA. No structures were damaged or destroyed.

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14 Weather conditions in this area at the time the fire was reported was recorded as

15 approximately 70 degrees Fahrenheit, a relative humidity 50%, with a west wind of

16 approximately 6 miles per hour with gusts to 10 miles per hour.

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18 The examination team identified, interpreted, and documented fire pattern indicators

19 throughout the Overall Fire Area (OFA). The examination team identified an SOA that

20 was located north of Pacific Gas and Electric utility pole #129567. The examination

21 team identified fulgurites and the east electrical conductor on the ground inside the

22 SOA.

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24 The fire was caused when the Pacific Gas and Electric east electrical conductor located  
25 between utility pole #129567 and pole #120336332 failed and contacted the ground.

26 The energized electrical conductor arced to ground igniting the surrounding vegetation

27 causing the Drum fire. All other fire cause categories identified within the National

28 Wildfire Coordinating Group's, Guide to Wildland Fire Origin and Cause Determination

29 except for Power Lines were eliminated as potential causes.

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