



Fire Update



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Fire Facts

Date Started: July 1, 2013
Location: Spring Mountains
National Recreation Area,
W Las Vegas, Nev.
Size: 27,968 acres
Percent contained: 15

Cause: Lightning
Structures lost: 6
Number of Personnel: 1,264
Crews: 30
Engines: 66

Dozers: 5
Water Tenders: 18
Helicopters: 12
Cost: \$9.48 million
Injuries to date: 1

Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held this evening, July 11, at 5:30 p.m. at the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Visitor Center.

The fire grew yesterday, primarily in the southeast section toward La Madre Mountain, but has not reached the crest. Embers traveled up to 1.5 miles ahead of the flaming front, with flame lengths reaching up to 250 feet. The total burned area is 43.7 square miles. Increasing moisture overnight moderated fire activity. Rain gauges measured a tenth of an inch in Kyle Canyon. The chance of rain increases today, with 90 percent cloud cover predicted. Higher humidity will moderate fire behavior and allow firefighters to directly attack uncontrolled fire edges.

Today's Activity

The southern section of the fire is secure and holding north of Lovell Summit Road. Crews will be mopping up along the fire edge, supported by aircraft. On the western edge of the fire near Spring Mountain, rolling debris is a concern. Crews will be constructing fire lines north toward Charleston Peak, supported by aircraft.

The northern section of the fire edge, near Kyle Canyon, is blackened and secure up to the structures. Crews will continue securing these fire lines and prepare new lines for future burnout operations. South of Kyle Canyon Road, crews are identifying opportunities for direct and indirect line construction. Firefighters are continuing to mop up the spot fire north of Kyle Canyon Road. Crews will continue to secure the fire lines in the northeast section of the fire, near Harris Springs Road.

Crews will mop up and maintain structure protection near Harris and Prospect Ranches. Firefighters are constructing line southeast into Red Rock Canyon Conservation Area and westward from Lovell Canyon. Strategic burnout operations will be conducted as needed to secure this area.

Evacuations

The communities of Kyle Canyon, Lee Canyon and Trout Canyon remain under evacuation. James Bilbray Elementary and Hafen Elementary are designated as Red Cross reception centers, open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Closures

The U.S. Forest Service issued an area closure for the Spring Mountain Recreation Area on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The public is prohibited from entering Lovell Canyon Rd (45537) at Highway 160, Trout Canyon Rd (45576) at Highway 160, Lovell Summit Rd (45536), Carpenter Canyon Rd (45544) at Highway 160, Wallace Canyon Rd (45081) at Highway 160, Bristlecone Trail, South Loop Trail, North Loop Trail, Griffith Peak Trail and all surrounding areas.

Public escorts into the fire area have been discontinued. If you are in need of assistance, contact the American Red Cross at (702) 791-3311.