



Fire Update



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Fire Facts

Date started: **July 1, 2013**

Location: Spring Mountains National Recreation

Area, W Las Vegas, Nev.

Size: **19,757 acres**

Percent contained: **15%**

Cause: **Lightning**

Structures lost: **0**

Number of Personnel: **803**

Crews: **19**

Engines: **44**

Dozers: **2**

Water Tenders: **10**

Helicopters: **Nine**

Injuries: **0**

Cost: **\$4.84 million**

Today's Activity

The Great Basin Team 2 Interagency Incident Command Team continues to provide for the safety of the firefighters and public on the Carpenter One Fire. No firefighter injuries or structure losses have occurred.

The fire acreage has increased due to active burning on the east side of the fire and burn operations by crews in the field. On the eastern side, the fire is moving into lighter terrain and fuels, which will allow firefighters to make a more practicable direct attack in this location.

The fire perimeter is holding along western edge of the fire east of the the Lee Spring Area. Fire managers are developing plans to provide for safety zones, ingress and egress into this area for fire crews to build line.

On the north side of the fire, firefighters continued to work to prevent fire from dropping into Kyle Canyon and possibly making a westward run up Kyle Canyon Road. Air resources are concentrating efforts in this location today. Strategic burnout operations are planned to secure the northern edge of the fire, behind the Rainbow Subdivision. The fire edge remains ¼ mile from any structures in this area.

On the southern side of the fire, crews continued to build direct line northeast from Lovell Canyon, while preparing for possible burnout operations west of Lovell Canyon. Firefighters also worked to build direct line on the western perimeter, located west of Trout Canyon. Existing lines held on the southwest edge of the fire and containment has remained at 15%.

Weather Forecast

Weather forecasts for today are calling for hot and dry conditions with relative humidity as low as 10%. Westerly winds 6-10 mph in the valley and west-southwest winds on the ridge tops, with gusts up to 25 mph. Firefighters are prepared for erratic canyon winds today.

Evacuations

The communities of Kyle Canyon, Lee Canyon and Trout Canyon are under evacuation. Residents are being allowed in with escort on a limited basis when conditions permit with Las Vegas Metro is providing the escort.

Donations Monetary donations can be made to the National Wildland Firefighter Foundation through www.wwfoundation.org or by calling (203) 336-2996. Donations can also be made to the American Red Cross through www.redcross.org/lasvegasfirehurts or by calling (702) 369-3674.