

NorCal 2 Type II  
Interagency Incident Management Team  
Lost Fire  
CA-BLM-NOD  
Cedarville, California

Fire Information Office:  
530-563-6045  
Staffed 8:00 am to 6:00 pm



For Immediate Release: August 9, 2012 @ 9:00 am

## Lost Fire Update

Started: August 5, 2012 at 10:00 pm  
Cause: Lightning  
Fuels: Fire is burning in sagebrush, juniper, pockets of mountain mahogany, tall grass,  
Estimated Size: 58,733 acres  
Containment: 30%.  
Expected Containment: August 15, 2012  
Committed Resources: Approximately 378 people  
Structures Threatened: 0  
Structures Damaged or Destroyed: 0  
Injuries: 0

Summary: Northern California (NorCal) Interagency Incident Management Team 2 (Joe Molhoek, Incident Commander) is managing Lost Fire for BLM. The fire is located approximately 20 miles southeast of Egeville, California, in northwest Nevada. The fire continues to burn northeast into the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area (NCA) and has burned into the High Rock Canyon wilderness area. The fire is expected to actively burn east/northeast through the wilderness area. The team's meteorologist issued a Red Flag Warning for the Lost Fire area due to dry, hot, windy conditions, and high atmospheric instability. Extreme fire behavior is likely, and there is potential for a plume-dominated fire in the late afternoon.

Resource concerns in the area include critical habitat for sage grouse and other wildlife, federally protected wild horses, and multiple cultural and historical sites. The fire is also impacting livestock grazing allotments, which are important to local ranchers and the economy of Surprise Valley. Fire managers are working closely with area resource protection staff to mitigate fire damage.

### Advisories and Closures:

- Nevada State Route 34 is closed from Nevada State Route 8A (continuation of CA State Route 299) to the Lost Creek Road.
- The public is advised to leave recreation areas in the High Rock Canyon area and to be advised of fire activity and personnel.

### Remarks:

Fire Camp is located at the Modoc County Fairgrounds in Cedarville, California, which is currently closed for use by the public.

Fire officials remind residents and visitors that fire restrictions are in effect for public lands and national forests in northeast California. Campfires are permitted only in posted recreation sites. Chainsaws may not be used after 1:00pm daily.



For additional fire information, go to InciWeb @ <http://inciweb.org/incident/3109/> or follow us on Twitter @ <https://twitter.com/LostFireBLM>.

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