

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 11, 2012 @ 8:00 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:** 61,273 acres

**Containment:** 80%

**Expected Containment:** August 13, 2012

**Committed Resources:** Approximately 564 people

**Structures Threatened:** 5 (outbuildings)

**Structures Damaged or Destroyed:** 0

**Injuries:** 0

**Location:** The fire is located approximately 20 miles southeast of Eagleville, California, in northwest Nevada.

**Summary:** Fire crews have been successful in stopping the eastern progression of the fire and continue to mop-up interior hot spots and along the fire's edge. The fire suppression strategy implemented for the National Conservation Area, recreation and wilderness areas has been effective with meeting the management objective of minimizing fire growth and resource damage. Fire suppression repair has been initiated and additional needs continue to be identified with the local Forest Resource Advisors.

A Red Flag Warning for the Lost Fire area remains in effect due to dry, hot, windy conditions, and high atmospheric instability. Yesterday, a relative humidity reading of 2% was recorded in the fire area. Northern California (NorCal) Interagency Incident Management Team 2 (Joe Molhoek, Incident Commander) is managing the Lost Fire for BLM.

Resource concerns in the area include critical habitat for sage grouse, bighorn sheep 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 now open, the public is advised to travel with caution between NV-SR 8A and Lost Creek Road to the south.
- The High Rock Canyon recreation area and surrounding backcountry areas are under evacuation and road closures along the recreation area are in effect.
- 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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