

NorCal2 Type II
Interagency Incident Management Team
Lost Fire
CA-BLM-CA
Cedarville, California

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



For Immediate Release: August 12, 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: 95%

Expected Containment: August 12, 2012

Committed Resources: Approximately 329 people

Structures Threatened: 0

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 utilized a fire suppression strategy within the Wilderness Areas called cold trailing. Cold trailing is a part of the mop-up process of making sure a fire is completely out. Firefighters actually feel the fire area with their gloved hands to find any remaining hot spots and then put them out. The cold fire edge must be carefully inspected to detect any fire and every live spot must be lined and extinguished. Cold trailing can shorten the fireline to be constructed, but must be accomplished with caution.

Firefighters continue to patrol, mop-up hot spots, and complete suppression repair in all secured divisions of the fire. Suppression repair is the effort to return the affected area to pre-fire conditions. Fire crews construct water bars along hand and dozer lines to minimize surface and gully erosion. Crews also remove berms on dozer lines and repair roads used during the suppression of the fire to return those areas to a stable functioning condition to minimize erosion run-off.

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.

Special Notice: Archery hunters, please be careful and watchful for fire crews when hunting in the vicinity of the Lost Fire area. Please observe advisories and closures that are in place.

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.

Northern California (NorCal) Interagency Incident Management Team 2 (Joe Molhoek, Incident Commander) continues to manage the Lost Fire for BLM; however, on Monday, August 13 at 6:00am, the team will transfer the management of the fire back to the local BLM field office.



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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