

# ***BLM*** ***Nevada*** ***News***

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**Date Started:** Wednesday, 7/20/2016

**Cause:** Human Caused

**Size:** 3629 acres

**Percent Contained:** 35%

**Resources:** 3 Helicopters, 5 Seats, 1 Heavy Air Tanker, 6  
Engines; 9 Crews; 3 Water Tenders

**Total Personnel:** 331

**Injuries/Illnesses to Date:** 0

**Structures Threatened:** 0

**Structures Lost:** 0

**Estimated Containment:** 7/26/16

**Carson City, Nev. – July 22, 2016** - The Little Den Fire started at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 20. The fire is burning approximately 45 miles southwest of Austin, NV in juniper trees and grass. Air and ground units are actively engaged in fire suppression activities. Fire investigators have confirmed the fire is human caused.

The fire is burning in pinion-juniper with stands of grass and sagebrush. The areas of Bald Mountain and north along the Churchill / Lander county line are predicted to have moderate fire activity today. With the relative humidity remaining low the fire was active through the night. Additional crews were flown into the most active areas to continue to build line around the perimeter of the fire. They will be working with aircraft to secure the southern and eastern sides of the fire. The western and northern sides have low fire activity and the fire line is being improved throughout the day.

Firefighter safety is a priority and fire behavior changes will be monitored as warming temperatures and lower humidity are expected. The weather today is expected to be mostly sunny, with a high in upper 90's with winds 6 to 13 mph and mostly clear tonight, with a low around 51 and winds 6 to 11 mph.

The fire has burned some areas of General Greater Sage-Grouse habitat and is threatening Priority Habitat Management Area.

A Nevada Type 3 Incident Management Team (IMT), led by Incident Commander Tyler Hecht, took over operations of the Little Den Wildfire on Friday morning, July 22 at 6:00 a.m.

For further information call the fire information line at [530-423-5015](tel:530-423-5015) or go to <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4875/>

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