

Holloway Fire Information

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Nevada Zone



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Fire Update – August 15, 2012 8:00 a.m. PDT

Nevada Zone: After a tough day of firefighting in the upper Kings River Valley, southeast of Denio, firefighters are hoping to finally beat the Nevada portion of the Holloway fire.

Firefighters were busy between the Kings River School and Rodeo Creek, on the northwest side of the valley. Bulldozers built all but the last 700 feet of fire line needed to corral the huge blaze on the Nevada side of the state line.

Dust devils were common Tuesday, requiring continued vigilance. Over the past week, dust devils have spread fire beyond fire lines all too often at the Holloway fire.

Fire behavior specialists noted that for the first time since engaging the Holloway fire, the fire died down late Tuesday night and stopped spreading. Relative humidity rose into the 25-40 percent range last night, the highest measured in a week.

A contingency fire line was built Tuesday across a two-mile area of unburned vegetation east of the active fire in the upper Kings River Valley. A contingency line is swath cleared of vegetation at a distance from the fire used to hold the fire if it escapes the fire line along the fire edge.

Firefighters plan to build a second contingency line closer to the active fire today. Elsewhere in the Nevada part of the fire, fire crews will patrol, mop up and begin "rehabilitation" work.

"Rehab," as it's called by firefighters, includes mapping bulldozer lines and other disturbances created by firefighting operations with global-positioning equipment. Fences cut to allow in engines or bulldozers will be mapped as well.

Firefighters will then build barriers to slow water running down fire lines, move rocks and other natural barriers to prevent fire lines from become roadways, repair fences, and produce a map so workers later on can find and repair other disturbances.

Oregon Zone: Suppression activities yesterday and last night focused on the northeast corner of the fire in Malheur County near Antelope and Twelve-Mile Creeks and south into Oregon Canyon. Significant progress was made in building both direct line and contingency lines. Dozers were used to build lines to minimize acres burned, protect a Wilderness Study Area and important power lines.

In some of the steep slopes on the west side of Oregon Canyon, a large helicopter was used to cool hot spots yesterday. Heavy smoke in the area prevented the use of other aircraft.

Overnight, firefighters continued to work on important containment lines on the north and east sides of the fire. As anticipated, the fire was active overnight in this area. Early this morning, a spot fire started across the fire line, north of Oregon Canyon. It has been contained at 30 acres.

Today, crews will continue to strengthened containment lines focusing on the north and east sides. The weather is expected to cool slightly but stronger winds are predicted for this afternoon.

Closures: Bureau of Land Management lands in Oregon remain closed west of U.S. 95 between the Whitehorse road and the Nevada state line. The closed area extends west to the Vale/Burns BLM District boundary.

Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Location:	25 Miles east of Denio, NV
Approximate Size:	432,378 acres
Fire Containment:	68%
Start Date:	August 5, 2012
Cause:	Lightning
Incident Commanders:	Chris Ourada & Jeff Pendleton
Resources on the Fire:	14 Crews 6 Helicopters 64 Engines 25 Dozers 12 Water Tenders
Total Personnel:	817
Jurisdiction:	US Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management



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