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Date Started: Wednesday, 7/20/2016

Cause: Human Caused

Size: 3560 acres

Percent Contained: 50%

Resources: 4 Helicopters, 4 Seats, 2 Heavy Air Tanker,
9 Engines; 11 Crews; 9 Water Tenders

Total Personnel: 353

Injuries/Illnesses to Date: 3

Structures Threatened: 0

Structures Lost: 0

Estimated Containment: 7/26/16

Carson City, Nev. – July 23, 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 smoke seen in the Bald Mountain area and north along the Churchill / Lander county line was all interior burning. Fire intensity was low today along the fire line. The crews made good progress and will continue to improve the fire line while implementing MIST tactics in the sensitive areas. Four crews will be spiked out tonight throughout the northern and eastern edges of the fire. Tomorrow crews will begin to mop up one chain in from the fires edge and patrol the lines. Hoselays will be inserted into the heavy fuel types to eliminate remaining heat near the fires edge.

Firefighter safety is a priority, we take immediate action with all injuries and illnesses. Today one Firefighter was flown off the line to the medical unit at ICP due to an allergic reaction to a bee sting and two Firefighters were treated for respiratory issues.

We continue to monitor fire behavior changes as warming temperatures and lower humidity are expected. Very dry air will remain in place through this Sunday with poor to very poor humidity recovery especially on mid slopes and ridges. For tomorrow, temperature 95 degrees, relative humidity 4-9 percent. With continued afternoon winds of 10 mph except the fire to continue to be potentially active in the pinyon and juniper fuel types.

The fire has burned some areas of General Sage-Grouse habitat; Priority Sage-Grouse habitat to the west and east of the fire remains threatened. Cattle was seen grazing in the drainages well east of the fires edge. The fire poses no threat to the cattle at this time.

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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