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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. Fire investigators have confirmed the fire is human caused.

The fire is burning in pinion-juniper with stands of grass and sagebrush. The North/Northeast and the South/Southwest sides of the fire have completed line with crew's continuing to mop up 50-100 feet in from the fire line. Hoselays will be inserted into the heavy fuel types to eliminate remaining heat near the fire's edge. There is an inaccessible area on the Northwest side of the fire due to rock cliffs. There is no fire activity or smoke in that area. The section to the South/Southeast held overnight and crews will continue to improve line and start mopping. Any smoke seen will be interior unburned areas of the fire.

We continue to monitor fire behavior changes as warming temperatures and lower humidity are expected. Very dry air will remain in place through today with poor to very poor humidity recovery especially on mid slopes and ridges. Today's 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 fire's 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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