

Firefighters gaining control on Geiger Grade Fire

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The Bain Street Fire on Geiger Grade near Toll Road is about 40 percent contained this evening and full containment is expected by Tuesday, according to fire officials.

The blaze scorched about 600 acres in steep terrain Sunday afternoon, and fire officials expected containment of the fire on Tuesday.

Fire officials said that about 40 percent containment of the Bain Street Fire was reached Sunday evening.

Onlookers were being asked to stay out of the area and the Nevada State Patrol closed the unimproved area of Toll Road, near the fire, to keep onlookers out.

Officials also asked motorists who had to travel on roads near the fire to use extra caution because fire crews and apparatus are working in the area.

Fire investigators have determined the fire was human caused and are in the process of questioning witnesses and suspects.

"From the onset of the fire, conditions were extreme; all of the elements that make for a difficult fire attack were in place," Reno Fire Department Battalion Chief Tim Spencer said Sunday. "Crews (Saturday night) did a great job of protecting structures from the fast moving and erratic fire. We made large strides with constructing hand and dozer lines which complimented a highly effective air attack."

No structures have been lost and no injuries have been reported.

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