

Spoooner Summit area home threatened by fire started from lightning

A single power pole was the only property loss from a fire on Spoooner Summit last Thursday morning. It did not cause the power to go out.

A house in the area was threatened and Highway 50 temporarily closed.

“The cause of the fire is unknown at this time, however it is suspected a small blaze may have started and smoldered throughout the night and early morning hours as a result of the numerous lightning strikes that occurred throughout Douglas County the previous night,” Douglas County sheriff’s Sgt. Jim Halsey said in a statement.

At approximately 11:10am, firefighters from East Fork, Tahoe-Douglas, Carson City, and the U.S. Forest Service responded to a possible wildland fire in the vicinity of Highway 50 and Old Clear Creek Road, at the north end of Douglas County. The fire burned approximately 1.5 acres.

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