

Firefighters douse small blaze at Bijou disc golf course

A small fire at the disc golf course in South Lake Tahoe was quickly extinguished Wednesday afternoon.

While the fire was only 5-feet by 5-feet, three agencies responded in case it were to have grown. South Lake Tahoe, Lake Valley and the U.S. Forest Service responded to hole 22.

A witness told firefighters he saw some kids in the area before he saw the fire. He also told crews he was able to put out a small fire a couple days earlier.

Karl Koeppen, shift commander with South Tahoe, told *Lake Tahoe News* there is no definitive cause of how the June 20 fire started.

Firefighters throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin and region are on heightened alert because a small fire can grow into something unmanageable in short order. Plus, there have been a number of red flag days – which is unusual for this early in the season.

While June 20 was not one of those days, Thursday has already been labeled a red flag day because of the expected 40 mph gusts.

Koeppen said with how dry everything is the threat of fire increases as the winds increase.

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