

Brush fire spreads to 250 acres north of Reno

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A rapidly spreading brush fire threatening several homes in Palomino Valley prompted a massive response Monday night from more than 60 firefighters who ultimately had to suspend operations overnight.

The blaze was about 250 to 300 acres as of about 9:30 p.m., Truckee Meadows Fire Department Chief Charles Moore said. Moore said it was about 10 percent contained as of Monday night.

“This fire went from an area of twenty to thirty feet to what you see here in about thirty minutes,” he said.

About 10 to 12 structures were in the path of the fire, but the fire burned around them because of defensible perimeters, he said. Because the fire has spread up a ridge, most of the firefighting had been through the air, with crews operating late into Monday and expected to continue Tuesday morning.

There have been some evacuations, but specific numbers were not available late Monday. Search and Rescue teams were dispatched to warn residents on the other side of the ridge to evacuate, he said.

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