

Dangerous lightning moving toward Kirkwood

A strong isolated thunderstorm has developed along Highway 4 near Ebbetts Pass. This storm may contain small hail, with locally heavy rain and dangerous lightning, according to the National Weather Service in Reno.

The storm is moving to the north, northwest at 5 to 10 mph toward Hope Valley and Kirkwood. It is expected to dissipate after 6:30pm Aug. 16. This cell is part of a larger area of showers and isolated storms east of the Sierra Crest.

On the north end of Lake Tahoe, three fires started Thursday – in Lemon Canyon east of Sierraville; near Haskell Peak east of Sierra Buttes; and near Granite Chief Wilderness.

Thunderstorm activity is expected into the weekend.

Tahoe National Forest has recorded 25 fires in the last few days.

Fires in the American River District

1 north of French Meadows Reservoir – contained

2 farther north of French Meadows Reservoir – north of Sunflower Hill – both out

1 near Robinson Flat – contained

3 in or near the Granite Chief Wilderness – Two are out and one is contained

1 new one near the Wilderness – crews are continuing to work this evening.

Fires in the Sierraville District

1 east of Jackson Meadow Reservoir – controlled

2 more near Jackson Meadow Reservoir – one out and one controlled

1 north of Stampede Reservoir near Kyburz Flat – out

1 more north of Stampede Reservoir – out

2 in the Bear Valley area east of Sierraville – out

1 new fire in Lemon Canyon east of Sierraville – crews working – quarter acre

Fires in the Truckee District

1 near the Cedars – about 5 miles south of Interstate 80 at Norden – half acre – out

1 near Barker Pass – 4 miles from Lake Tahoe – out

1 on south eastern side of TNF – 5 miles from Lake Tahoe – third acre – controlled

1 near Boca Reservoir – out

1 near the entrance of Squaw Valley – controlled

Fires in the Yuba River Ranger District

1 near Old Man Mountain – north of Interstate 80 – controlled

1 north of Interstate 80 near Rainbow off ramp – out

1 near Signal Peak north of Interstate 80 – north of Cisco Grove – controlled

1 new fire near Haskell Peak east of Sierra Buttes – crews working on it.

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