

Smoke in Tahoe from fires outside basin

The smoke that people on the South Shore are smelling is from fires outside of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

There are fires burning near Mariposa on Highway 140, one of the roads leading into Yosemite National Park. The 2.5-square-mile fire that started Sunday is 15 percent contained. More than 100 houses have been evacuated.

There is a red flag warning today for the entire Lake Tahoe Basin and much of western Nevada. The National Weather Service in Reno warns that “the combination of gusty winds and low humidity will create critical fire weather conditions.”

– Lake Tahoe News staff report