

Full containment of American Fire likely Sept. 1

More than half of the American Fire burning in the Tahoe National Forest is contained.

Firefighters expect to have the fire fully contained on Sept. 1. It has burned 14,822 acres in rugged terrain near Foresthill.

Efforts have held the fire in place along Deadwood Ridge and the Foresthill Divide Road on the western flank of the fire. The fire remains active on the eastern and southern ends.

Cloud cover on Monday helped firefighters, but a red flag warning remains in effect until 11pm Wednesday.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report