

# Lightning strikes Carson Valley hillside



Lightning on July 16 ignited a brush fire in Jacks Valley. Photo/Valerie Smith

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A fire is burning out of control in the Jacks Valley area of the Carson Valley.

As of 9 Wednesday night it had burned approximately 150 acres.

“A subdivision is threatened,” Capt. Troy Valenzuela with East Fork Fire told *Lake Tahoe News*. Some residents in the Clear Creek neighborhood were on voluntary evacuation.

Known as the Clear Creek Fire, it is mostly moving in a south to southwest direction. Road closures at this time are Jacks Valley Road at Highway 395 and Genoa Lakes Golf Course.

Air resources were used until dark. Hand crews will work through the night.

Several people saw the lightning strike the dry hillside just after 6pm July 16, including firefighters with East Fork. Lightning had been prevalent throughout much of the early evening. More is forecast for the next couple days.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*