

Carson Valley fire at 300 acres



The Clear Fire started July 16 after 6pm. Photo/Valerie Smith

The Clear Creek Fire burning in the sagebrush above the Carson Valley grew to 300 acres overnight. It is 25 percent contained.

About 40 residences along Jacks Valley Road in the Clear Creek subdivision are on voluntary evacuation. Clear Creek Road is closed from Lower Clear Creek to Clubhouse Road to all but homeowners.

The fire started July 16 by lightning. The spread on the eastern flank is slowing, while the western edge is still active, according to officials.

The U.S. Forest Service is the lead agency. Area crews, including Tahoe Douglas firefighters, have been assisting. An air assault will resume this morning.

Officials are worried about the threat of more lightning strikes later today.

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