

Crews contain Kingsbury Grade wildland fire



Smoke from the Kingsbury Grade fire could be seen for long ways. Photo/USFS

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Less than 2 acres of National Forest burned in a remote area on the Carson side of Kingsbury Grade on Wednesday afternoon.

As of 4:20pm firefighters had stopped it from spreading farther and were laying a hose around it, according to the U.S. Forest Service. The initial reports were that 6 acres burned, but that has since been revised.

While helicopters and airplanes had been making air drops on the terrain, all but one helicopter remains on this fire. The U.S. Forest Service, Tahoe Douglas fire and East Fork fire are on the scene.

While there has been no lightning today, it could be called what's called a "sleeper" from Monday's storm.

"It is possible it could be because of lightning. That side of the hill took a lot of strikes," Eric Guevin, spokesman for Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District, told *Lake Tahoe News*.

Kingsbury Grade was closed as of 2:30pm Aug. 27.

One member of a Bureau of Indian Affairs hotshot crew was taken to Barton Memorial Hospital as a precaution after the vehicle he was in was in a traffic accident near Harrah's Lake Tahoe at about 3:35pm.

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