

King Fire burning inside containment area



The King Fire scorched trees on both sides of Highway 50 near Fresh Pond. Photo/LTN

Crews overnight were able to hold the King Fire to 97,099 acres and 89 percent containment. The active fire continues to burn within the containment area.

More than 4,000 people are still fighting the fire burning east of Pollock Pines. But each day more crews are sent home, which is also reducing the number of apparatuses in the forest. Work is being done on the Eldorado and Tahoe national forests to repair any damage caused by equipment.

Several houses are still threatened, but evacuations have been lifted. Roads, though, are not all open in the burn area. Trail access is off-limits in the area as well.

Since the alleged arson fire started Sept. 13 there have been six injuries, 12 houses destroyed and 68 other structures lost.

The forecast is for warming weather in the region and blue skies in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

