

Markleeville out of danger from wildland fire



Markleeville is out of danger for now from the Washington Fire. Photo Copyright 2015 Carolyn E. Wright

Updated 10:35pm:

This is from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office: "As of 9:35pm, crews are responding to the fires. Two fires have been reported above Jack's Valley, one above Autumn Hills, one above Job's Peak Ranch and one near Fay Luther Canyon. The fires are going to be monitored through the night and will be addressed during the daylight hours. No structures are in danger at this time."

Also, the power is back on in Alpine County.

Updated 9:15pm:

Lightning Saturday started at least six fires on the west side of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

East Fork Fire with U.S. Forest Service and the BLM have responded to the multiple fires and are working to access each of the fires.

The fire above Job's Peak Ranch was being address via helicopter. The fire south near Faye Canyon has a containment line surrounding the fire with hand crews working on that fire.

Similar weather patterns are anticipated for the next few days.

The power had been restored to Alpine County but is now out again because a pole on the Nevada-California border was struck by lightning. Power is expected to be back on by 10:30pm.

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Firefighters throughout the region are on edge with the electrical storm rumbling through June 27.

Reggae fans were dispersed from the Lake Tahoe Hard Rock early Saturday evening because of lightning. By 7pm the music was back on.

The Washington Fire is at 17,622 acres, with 29 percent containment. A lightning storm is responsible for starting that fire near Markleeville. It was first spotted June 19, about 10 days after the storm blew threw.

The town of Markleeville and the Grover Springs Hot Springs Campground is no longer under an evacuation advisory and the public may return to these areas.

Highways 4 and 89 are closed in the area.

Much of Alpine County is without power because the lightning and rain in the Carson Valley cut the power coming in from NV Energy. Liberty Utilities, which supplies the county with

power but gets the energy from NV, did not have an estimated time when power would be restored.

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