

More areas opening near Washington Fire

Updated 8:55pm:

All state highways through the Washington Fire area are open to through traffic. This includes Highway 4 over Ebbetts Pass and Highway 89 east over Monitor Pass to Highway 395.

The fire near Markleeville is 66 percent contained, with 17,790 acres burned.

While the Washington Fire continues to burn near the town of Markleeville, favorable weather conditions are helping firefighters to make progress.

The fire remains at 56 percent containment, with 17,787 acres burned.

“Fire is burning in hazardous and inaccessible terrain, and has burned into the Carson Iceberg Wilderness,” officials said.

However, in the flatter terrain crews are in mop-up mode and rehabilitation of the fire line has begun. The structure and night groups will be demobilized tonight.

Temperatures are expected to be cooler today with afternoon thunderstorms possible bringing rain.

The BLM area closure and the Indian Creek Campground closure were lifted at 8am Tuesday.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report