

Washington Fire 56% contained

The 17,787-acre Washington Fire is 56 percent contained.

“The structural fire engines assigned to Markleeville are being phased out and will be continue to be released to their home units,” according to officials.

The fire started June 19 from a lightning strike that had occurred about 10 days prior to winds turning it into the inferno.

Highway 89 to Monitor Pass and Wolf Creek Road remain closed to all traffic.

Pacific Crest Trail hikers may use the Ebbetts Pass area for resupply.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*