

Wildland fires near state line contained

Two 1-acre fires in South Lake Tahoe have been contained, though crews at 6pm Tuesday were still working to fully extinguish them.

The first started about 3pm July 19 near Montreal Road on U.S. Forest Service property. This area is notorious for homeless camps. However, officials have not released the cause of the blaze.

A spot fire started about one-quarter mile away in Van Sickle Bi-state Park.

It has been windy all day, adding to the threat the fire could rapidly spread.

A smaller spot fire was reported at 5:30pm, according to Lisa Herron with the Forest Service.

At one point two helicopters were helping douse the flames. Crews from the USFS, South Lake Tahoe, Lake Valley, Tahoe Douglas and CalFire were at the scene.

Herron said personnel have started to be released, signaling the situation is under control.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report