Lightning catches tree on fire near Truckee

Several lightning strikes have hit the ground in the Truckee area today.

In the late afternoon of Aug. 17 there was a tree on fire in the Granite area near China Wall, which is confined to one tree with no threat to the wildland at this time, according to Truckee police officers.

"There is also a helicopter being used for any remote areas to help with any fires from the lightning strikes," officers said in a statement.

All resources are out checking reports of smokes in the area.

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