

Vehicle fire in brush closes Kingsbury Grade



A vehicle fire in the brush on Kingsbury Grade on Aug. 19 has the road closed. Photo/Cheva Gabor

Kingsbury Grade is closed in both directions because of a fire.

Multiple fire agencies are on the scene, including a large water tender that arrived just before 10:30am Aug. 19.

It is vehicle fire – most likely a truck – on the valley side of the Grade. The vehicle is not on the pavement; it is in the brush, which is the main reason so many resources are on the scene, including a hand crew.

The fire is about 2 miles east of the summit on the north side of the road just past the old Pony Express trail. Nevada Highway Patrol has no idea when the road will reopen.

According to the U.S. Forest Service, the wildland fire was kept to one-quarter acre.

Crews are assessing whether any diesel has leaked into the soil or if it's spreading.

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