



News Release

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
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Blake Fire Being Suppressed in the High Schells Wilderness

Ely, Nevada...The Ely Ranger District on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is currently suppressing a wildfire in the upper elevations of the Bassett Creek drainage in the High Schells Wilderness, about 25 miles northeast of Ely, Nevada. A combination of 16 smoke jumpers and helitack crew members are fighting this fire. There are no structures threatened or resource concerns in the vicinity of the fire.

The fire is a lightning-caused fire, and is currently 35 acres in size. It is burning in a small stand of mixed conifer on steep and rugged terrain. The fire is at about 8,500 feet elevation. Crews are taking aggressive action to contain the bottom of the fire and control the downslope spread of the fire.

The fire is visible from many main travel routes in the Ely area. The firefighters are taking aggressive action in advance of a forecasted cold front; the front may bring high winds and severe weather that would increase fire behavior.

Please contact Acting District Ranger Bill Gamble at 775-289-3031 with any questions or concerns regarding this release.

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