

## East Slide Rock Ridge Fire Update

## Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Tuesday, September 2, 2008, 8:00 AM

On the Web at: www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf or http://www.inciweb.org ICP Info Center (866) 534-9622 -- Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## By The Numbers

Acres: 54,545

Containment: 50 percent

Personnel: 449

Type 1 Hotshot Crews: 3

Type 2 Crews: 2 Helicopters: 5 Engines: 14 Dozers: 2

Water Tenders: 14 Support Personnel: 248

## **CLOSURE AREA REDUCED**

Effective today, the Closure Order for the fire area has been reduced to an area wholly within the Jarbidge Wilderness. There are no road closures associated with the new Order.

A detailed description of the closure area is available at local Forest Service Offices and on the Web at:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf.

The closure is in place to protect public health, well being and safety associated with the East Slide Rock Ridge Fire.

(Elko, NV) – Suppression operations are winding down on the fire. Pole Creek and Island spike camps, which have been "home" to about 300 firefighters for the past week, were closed Monday. About 150 firefighters were released yesterday and more will be released today.

Very limited growth occurred on the south flank in the Cottonwood Creek drainage. Firefighters continued to make good progress in extinguishing hot spots.

On Wednesday, the Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team will transition management of the fire to a Type 3 organization. Approximately 75 people, including two hand crews, three engines, two water tenders, and three Type 3 helicopters will remain to work on the fire.

Residents and visitors to the area are reminded to use extreme caution when traveling along the Highway 93 corridor and other roads in the vicinity of the fire due to fire traffic.

**NOTE:** The Elko Information Center has been closed. For information concerning the East Slide Rock Ridge Fire, contact the fire information office at the Incident Command Post at (866) 534-9622.

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