East Slide Rock Ridge Fire Update

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Wednesday, September 5, 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: 54,549

Containment: 50 percent

Personnel: 110

Type 2 Crews: 2

Helicopters: 2

Engines: 5

Dozers: 1

Water Tenders: 3

(Cottonwood Ranch, NV) – Smoke columns continued to be visible due to pockets of timber and individual trees burning and smoldering within the interior of the fire perimeter and within the wilderness boundary. This type of fire behavior is expected to continue until a significant rain or snow event occurs.

Today, firefighters will continue to patrol the containment line with crews on the ground as well as aerial patrols with the objective to keep the fire within the wilderness boundary. Crews will complete a burnout operation in the Canyon Creek area to strengthen the containment line already in place. Additionally, fire crews are repairing any fences that were cut

during the fire. These fences are primarily on BLM and Forest Service lands.

Fire personnel are also rehabilitating many dozer lines in the Pole Creek and Canyon Creek areas, mainly adjacent to roads that firefighters widened and used as containment lines. All containment lines outside the wilderness will be left in tact until the fire is 100 percent contained. The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest will complete the final rehabilitation of these lines in the fall.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to use extreme caution along roadways adjacent to the fire, especially along the Pole Creek and Canyon Pockets Roads. Fire crews have cut and will continue to cut burned trees posing immediate safety hazard.

A closure order remains in effect for the area surrounding the fire. No roads are affected by the closure. Please contact a local Forest Service Offices and on the Web at: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/htmf. The closure is in place to provide for both public and firefighter safety and when the danger has passed.