

Nevada Site Office News

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MID VALLEY WILDFIRE AT NEVADA TEST SITE 100% CONTAINED

The Mid Valley wildfire burning in the central areas of Nevada Test Site (NTS) is now 100% contained.

Hotshot crews deployed from The U.S. Bureau of Land Management have been released.

"The Mid Valley fire reached 100% containment today due to the outstanding efforts of the BLM and National Guard who provided support to NTS Fire and Rescue. Through our advanced planning and Memorandums of Understanding in place with the BLM, we were able to quickly call upon their support to successfully assist with the firefighting efforts and expedite full containment of this fire," stated Steve Lawrence, Emergency Manager in the National Nuclear Security Administration, Nevada Site Office, Emergency Operations Center.

There has been no reported damage to any facilities or infrastructure on the Nevada Test Site.

The fire, which started on July 4, 2006 at approximately 10:30 am, is believed to be caused by lightning. More than 60 personnel from the Nevada Test Site Fire and Rescue and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management responded with support from four brush trucks, eight all-terrain vehicles, two C-130 Hercules aircraft tankers, Llama 315B helicopter and two single-engine aircraft tankers.