

Nevada Site Office News

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WILDFIRE AT NEVADA TEST SITE

A wildfire is burning at the Nevada Test Site affecting Areas 6, 14, 29 and 25. The fire, which started on July 4, 2006 at approximately 10:30 am, is believed to be caused by lightning. The Nevada Test Site Fire and Rescue (NTS F&R) is the primary response organization. Approximately 20 NTS F&R personnel are responding with support from brush trucks and all-terrain vehicles. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management is providing assistance with two 20-person 'hot shot' crews. Three single-engine aircraft are providing air support out of Desert Rock Airstrip on the Nevada Test Site.

The fire is currently affecting approximately 8,000 to 10,000 acres in the central area of the Nevada Test Site. Currently there is no threat to any facilities or infrastructure on the Nevada Test Site.

As more information is made available, it will be made available to the media.