Truckee Meadows Fire & US Forest Service Unified Command



Davis Fire News Release

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Fire Information: https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/nvhtf-davis-fire

• Start: Sept 7, 2024

• Cause: Under Investigation

• **Size:** 6,500 Acres

• Percent Containment: 0%

• Aircraft: 8

• **Heavy Equipment:** 15 approx.

• Engines: 57 approx.

• Crews: 14

• **Total Personnel:** 600 approx.

The Davis Fire is estimated to be approximately 6,500 acres and zero percent contained. The fire started in the area of Davis Creek Regional Park, located in Washoe Valley south of Reno, Nevada, around 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 7, 2024. It is reported to be burning in heavy timber and brush, with medium to long range spotting. Gusty winds are forecasted throughout the week.

Fourteen structures are currently known to be impacted, but damage assessment will continue when it is safe to do so. Fire activity increased with afternoon winds, but fire crews were able to hold the eastern, northern, and southern boundaries. The southern end of the western front experienced the most rapid growth moving to the north and northeast along the Mt. Rose Highway. Fire crews continue full suppression efforts, prioritizing the protection of life, property, and critical infrastructures.

Interstate 580 between Reno and Carson City, Nevada, as well as Old U.S. Highway 395 to Eastlake Boulevard have reopened. Old U.S. Highway 395 is still closed from East Lake Boulevard to Bowers Mansion Interchange. Mt. Rose Highway remains closed. For updates on road closures, visit: https://www.nvroads.com/.

Please use caution when traveling in the area as emergency vehicles and fire apparatus are entering and exiting roadways and power outages have impacted some traffic signals. Some roadways along Mt. Rose Highway and the north side of Washoe Valley remain closed. Please avoid the area for the safety of the fire crews.

Power outages in the south Reno area continue to leave some homes, businesses, and traffic signals without electricity. Customers who are currently without power should be prepared for prolonged outages throughout the incident and those customers living near the fire who still have power should be prepared for potential additional de-energizations due to the dynamic nature of the fire. To learn more about outage preparation visit: www.nvenergy.com/outages-and-emergencies/outage-preparation-tips.

A portion of south Reno remains under evacuation notice, affecting around 12,000 to 14,000 people. Evacuations are in place for Arrow Creek, Sky Tavern, Mt. Rose Ski Resort, and Logan Meadows. For more details on evacuation locations, visit: www.perimetermap.com.

There is an evacuation center set up at the Senior Center located at 1155 E 9th Street in Reno, and Washoe County Regional Animal Services has mobile shelters on site for small animals. Large animals can be taken to the University of Reno Equestrian Center in Reno or Fuji Park in Carson City for those who cannot get to Reno. Several area hotels are offering special rates for evacuees.

Please call ahead to confirm availability and rates:

- The Row, Reno: \$59, resort fees waived
- Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks, \$100, use code EVAC24
- Best Western on Nugget Avenue, Sparks, \$119, pets allowed

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest are in unified command in management of the fire. The management of the fire will be turned over to the Southwest Area Incident Management Team 1 sometime on Monday, Sept. 9.

Cooperating agencies include Reno Fire Department, Sparks Fire Department, Carson City Fire Department, Cal Fire, East Fork Fire Protection District, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, Nevada Division of Forestry, Bureau of Land Management, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Nevada State NV Energy, and Nevada Division of Transportation.

Smoke remains visible in the area. Check out the Fire and Smoke Map (<u>airnow.gov</u>) for more information on air quality. Check out https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/.