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Update on Strawberry Fire in Great Basin National Park

Size: 4600 Acres

Percent Contained: 10%

Current Resources: 1 Helicopter, 5 Engines, 5 Type III Hand Crews, 3 Water Tenders and 1 Bulldozer

Total Personnel: 162

BAKER, NV – The Strawberry Fire was ignited by lightning strike. Firefighters are working to contain the 4600 acre fire and have reached 10% containment. There is a red flag warning in effect until 11:00pm tonight. The fire is five miles west of Baker, NV in the Strawberry Creek area of Great Basin National Park and has moved onto Bureau of Land Management, Ely District lands immediately adjacent to the park.

The fire was first reported at 12:30pm on August 8, 2016. Firefighters expect to fully contain the fire by August 19, 2016.

Regular visitor services in the Lehman Caves Visitor Center area are continuing at this time uninterrupted. The Presided Meteor Shower Viewing Party will still be held on Thursday night August 11th and Great Basin, Great Inspiration Artist Workshops will continue as planned on August 13th.

Wheeler Peak Campground is closed and the Wheeler Peak Scenic Drive is closed above Lower Lehman Creek Campground. The trail from Upper Lehman Creek Campground to Wheeler Peak Campground is closed. Please respect all closures. The launching, landing, or operation of unmanned aircraft is prohibited and impacts the ability of fire personnel to fight fires safely and effectively.

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