



STRAWBERRY FIRE

August 17, 2016

UPDATE



Contact Fire Information: **1-208-731-8604** Hours: 7a.m. - 7 p.m.

Date of Detection: August 8, 2016

Current Size: 4,657 acres

Location: 3 Miles Northwest of Great Basin National Park Visitor Center, 5 Miles West of Baker Nevada

Legal Description: 39 x 2 x 52 Latitude, 114 x 18 x 22 Longitude

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 90%

Resources on Fire: There are currently 360 personnel on this incident, including the following resources:

CREWS	TYPE 1 HELICOPTERS (HEAVY)	TYPE 2 HELICOPTERS (MED.)	TYPE 3 HELICOPTERS (LIGHT)	ENGINES	DOZERS
11	1	2	2	5	2

Great Basin Incident Management Team 7 will continue to improve and build line, mop-up hot spots with the aid of aerial resources, engines and firefighters. The mission is to minimize threats to human life and safety, critical power line infrastructure, keep fire out of sage grouse and Bonneville cutthroat trout habitat in Mill Creek. Firefighter and public safety is the number one priority. Firefighters will start the process of removing hose lays, pumps and other fire line equipment. Rehabilitation on the dozer lines is nearing completion and the Burned Area Emergency Response team continues to assess the need for rehabilitation on the fire.

Starting today resources will begin being released to other fires or returning home to their units to get rest and prepare for their next assignment. Firefighters from all over the west have assisted on the Strawberry Fire with great success. In a few short days the fire will be managed by a Type 3 Incident Management Team. They will continue to monitor the fire area and work on hot spots as they develop.

- The Strawberry Fire was discovered 5 miles west of Baker, Nevada on August 8, 2016
- Containment is at 90%.
- Great Basin Incident Command Team 7 has been brought in to manage the fire
- The fire is being actively suppressed with a mixture of ground crews and aerial resources
- Wheeler Peak Campground and Wheeler Peak Scenic Drive above the Lower Lehman Creek Campground are closed. The trail from Upper Lehman Creek Campground to Wheeler Peak Campground is also closed.
- Baker Creek, Grey Cliffs and Lower Lehman Campground and the Lehman Caves Visitor Center are open.
- Cave tours and other special events will continue as planned.
- Highway 50 will be heavily used by fire vehicles so we ask the public to use caution in the fire area.

For more information on the Strawberry Fire, visit Great Basin National Park's webpage at www.nps.gov/grba/ and the InciWeb page, <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4947/>.

You can also look for updates on Great Basin National Park Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GreatBasinNPS/> and on the park's website at <https://www.nps.gov/grba/learn/news/newsreleases.htm> high resolution photos at <https://www.nps.gov/grba/learn/photosmultimedia/photogallery.htm>