



## **FIRE INFORMATION HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST ELY RANGER DISTRICT**

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### **TROY CANYON FIRE FACTS**

- **Size:** About 2796 acres
- **Latest information:** Today's flight, combined with ground observations show that the fire has increased about 900 acres since last Saturday morning. The increase is in Little Meadows Canyon, the South and North Fork of Troy Canyon on the west face of the Grant Range. There has been little fire movement north, which was previously the dominant direction of the fire. It is also burning on the east face, at the top of Scofield Canyon. It continues to remain fairly quiet until late afternoon, when the fire area receives enough solar heating to develop some fire "runs" up the slopes, and generate considerable smoke. We continue to see many of unburned islands igniting inside the fire perimeter.
- **New starts:** The Quinn Canyon and Grant Ranges received a lightning storm Thursday. It is possible that the area may see some new starts in the next few days.
- **Weather:** The forecast calls for a 30% chance of some precipitation this weekend. The 8-10 day forecast calls for a warming trend.
- **Area Closure:** Because of the unpredictable nature of fire behavior, the Forest Service is still asking the public to refrain from entering the Grant Range Wilderness.
- **Started:** 7:20 am, Friday, July 23, 2004
- **Cause:** Lightning
- **Location:** In the Grant Range Wilderness about 70 miles southwest of Ely, NV, and 10 miles northeast of Nyala, NV.
- **Elevation:** 7,000 to 10,000 feet
- **Fuels:** Pinyon pine, juniper, white fir, bristlecone pine
- **Confinement Strategy:** Firefighter and public safety remain the top priority on the Troy Canyon Fire that is burning in steep, rugged terrain in and near the Grant Range Wilderness. The Forest Service continues to implement a confinement strategy, and the fire is still within the confinement lines.
- **Public information:** The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Ely Ranger Station is staffed from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. The phone number is (775) 289-3031. For fire emergencies call (775) 289-1925. Fire updates are generated when there is a change in acreage or conditions. Fire information is posted on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest website at [fs.fed.us/r4/htnf](http://fs.fed.us/r4/htnf). Fire information for all Nevada wildland fires is located on the Western Great Basin Coordination Center website at [nv.blm.gov/wgbcc](http://nv.blm.gov/wgbcc).