



## News Release

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### **Crews continue to monitor wildfire burning in Jarbidge Wilderness**

**Elko, Nevada...**The East Slide Rock Ridge Fire, burning in the remote Jarbidge Wilderness area, grew in size on Sunday and Monday as winds associated with a weak cold front pushed the fire to the north. The fire has now burned around 920 acres, with many green, unburned pockets inside the perimeter. Jarbidge residents, who live about 15 miles northwest of the fire, reported seeing heavy smoke for the first time since the fire ignited on Friday, August 8.

The Forest Service is managing this fire as it burns through an area with many dead and bug-killed trees and brush. Managers expect the fire perimeter to continue to increase in size. Fire crews have been monitoring fire intensity and spread, moisture content of vegetation, and local weather conditions. Fire managers use this information to predict where and how the fire will burn. Called Wildland Fire Use, this approach is used to manage lightning-caused fires in remote areas where fire is a natural component of the ecosystem.

A Closure Order remains in effect for the area immediately surrounding the fire until the fire is put out by rain or snow early this fall. Most of the Jarbidge Wilderness area remains open to the public.

Fire activity increases during dry, hot, and windy afternoons, making smoke from this fire visible in Elko and other surrounding communities. However, there is no threat to human life or property. The safety of firefighters and the public remains the top priority.

For further information on this release, please contact Fire Information Officer Linda Slater at 775-778-6105.

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