

Fire near Mt. Rose 35% contained

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The fire burning near the Mount Rose Highway is 35 percent contained and has burned 29 acres.

Lightning started the Whites Fire on Aug. 1 near the White Creek Trailhead southwest of Reno. Access to trails in that area is closed.

“The fire is burning in an area that is rocky and extremely dense with vegetation, timber, and forest litter. Our crews have done a great job reinforcing fire lines, suppressing spot fires, and mopping up hot spots within the fire perimeter,” incident commander Stacy Saucedo said in a statement. “We are hoping to have the fire 100 percent contained by the end of the day Thursday.”

Timberline Drive remains open to locals only, and there is no access to the Whites Creek and Thomas Creek Trailheads on the Carson Ranger District.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*