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## **UPDATE ON WILDLAND FIRE AT NEVADA NATIONAL SECURITY SITE**

**NORTH LAS VEGAS** – Crews are performing aerial water drops on the Area 19 wildland fire on the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) this morning. Thunderstorms are expected later this afternoon and may hamper aerial efforts later in the day, as happened on Tuesday.

The fire was first spotted on Saturday, July 28, 2018, in the remote mountainous northwest region of the NNSS. The fire was ignited by lightning. There are no structures or contaminated areas where the fire is burning. Due to the terrain, NNSS firefighters have limited access to the fire, which is burning pinion pines and juniper bushes.

The NNSS is situated entirely in Nye County, and its entrance is located approximately 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas. The fire is located in a remote location of the Site, far north, in Area 19.

All future information will be provided as it becomes available on the NNSS Twitter page at <https://twitter.com/NNSANevada>, Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NNSANevada> and the NNSS website at <http://www.nnss.gov>.

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The Nevada National Security Site and its related facilities help ensure the security of the United States and its allies by: supporting the stewardship of the nation's nuclear deterrent; providing nuclear and radiological emergency response capabilities and training; contributing to key nonproliferation and arms control initiatives; executing national-level experiments in support of the National Laboratories; working with national security customers and other federal agencies on important national security activities; and providing long-term environmental stewardship of the NNSS's Cold War legacy.

The NNSS falls under the jurisdiction of the NNSA, a semi-autonomous agency within the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The Site's operations are government-controlled and contractor-operated. They are overseen by DOE's Nevada Field Office, headquartered in North Las Vegas.

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