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UPDATE: Wildland fire at the NNSS

NORTH LAS VEGAS, Nevada – The Cherrywood Fire that began in a remote location of the Nevada National Security Site on Monday, May 17, is 75 percent contained. The fire will continue to smoke for several days. There is little risk of reignition, as the unburned fuel is within the containment line, and the areas that surround it have already burned.

Aerial mapping data shows the fire’s total burn as 26,431 acres.

“I extend my deepest appreciation to the NNSS Fire & Rescue and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) firefighters who worked tirelessly to get this fire under control and contained,” said Dr. David Bowman, Manager of the National Nuclear Security Administration’s Nevada Field Office. “I also want to thank all of the other members of the team who supported response efforts in other ways, from radiological monitoring to logistics. Hundreds of people worked long hours without hesitation to contain this fire as quickly as possible. This was truly a ‘one team, one mission’ effort.”

BLM has transitioned operations back to NNSS Fire & Rescue. There remains no risk to health and human safety, and no offsite risk to the public.

Additional 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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