UPDATE: Wildland fire at the NNSS

NORTH LAS VEGAS, Nevada – As soon as weather conditions improved this morning, air and ground operations began working to contain the Black Glass Canyon Wildfire in Areas 25 and 29. NNSS Fire & Rescue ground assets and the Remote Sensing Laboratory-Nellis air assets continue to work on containing the fire, which is approximately 861 acres.

A second fire has started in Area 30. RSL-N has begun water bucket drops on this half-acre fire to try and contain it as soon as possible. Bureau of Land Management assets are en route with fire-retardant drops. The fires are not burning, and have not burned, in any radiologically contaminated areas.

Even if the fire burns completely through one of the nearby contaminated areas, estimates indicate dose rates for onsite personnel are well below the criteria for initiating protective actions; there is no risk to health and human safety, and there is no offsite risk to the public. However, out of an abundance of caution, a radiological response team has been deployed for on-site monitoring. If any concerns arise, protective actions will be implemented immediately.

Further information will be provided as it becomes available on the NNSS Twitter page at https://twitter.com/NNSANevada and Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/NNSANevada.

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