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**Firefighters battling wildfire at the
Nevada National Security Site**

Las Vegas, Nevada - Firefighters at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) are fighting a wildfire in the western part of the Site. The Nevada National Security Site is located in Nye County.

The fire is covering an estimated 2,500 acres and believed to have been sparked Monday afternoon by lightning. The fire is located in a remote part of the Site so the fire is not considered a threat to people or structures.

Firefighters from NNSS Fire & Rescue are on scene fighting the fire from the ground. A helicopter from the NNSS' Remote Sensing Laboratory is providing aerial surveys of the fire as well as fighting the fire from the air. The forecast for today calls for temperatures in the area to be in the mid-90s with winds between 10 and 25 miles per hour.

Additional updates will be made available as warranted.

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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 National Nuclear Security Administration, 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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