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## **Wildland fire at the NNSS**

**NORTH LAS VEGAS, Nevada** – At approximately 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, smoke was reported in a remote area of the Site. NNSS Fire & Rescue responded and confirmed there is a wildland fire burning north of Area 12. The NNSS’ Remote Sensing Laboratory (RSL) is conducting aerial assessments. NNSS Fire & Rescue has confirmed the fire is on both the Nevada Testing and Training Range (NTTR) and NNSS properties. It has been named the Southern Bench Fire and is estimated at 489 acres.

Due to inaccessibility of the remote terrain, firefighters are not currently fighting the fire. NNSS Fire & Rescue will continue to monitor the fire and its progress throughout the weekend. The Remote Sensing Laboratory (RSL) will conduct another aerial assessment tomorrow. The NNSS is working with NTTR.

The fires are not burning, and have not burned, in any contaminated areas. There is no offsite risk to the public. No structures or assets are in danger. No injuries have been reported.

Please note: Nevada National Security Site lands and airspace are restricted. Access is not available for on-site media coverage on foot or by helicopter.

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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