

NASA image: Washington wildfire in California

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According to Inciweb, the Washington Fire began from a [lightning strike](#) near California Highways 4 and 89, about 8 to 10 miles south of Markleeville, California and about 45 miles south of Carson City, Nevada. By June 22, the fire grew to around 8,000 acres since initial firefighting efforts began on Saturday June 19. The extreme fire activity is primarily due to strong erratic winds and severe drought conditions.

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