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Winds bring dust, cooler temperatures

By [Mary Manning](#) · May 21, 2008 · 3:23 PM

As winds continue blowing between 20 mph and 30 mph with gusts into the 40 mph range, a dust advisory has been issued for today and tonight by the Clark County Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management.

Although unhealthy levels of dust are not occurring in the valley at this time, the county asked construction sites in the valley and other outlying areas to take precautions to prevent blowing dust.

The National Weather Service forecasts unsettled weather throughout the end of this week and the weekend. Temperatures will range from 70s into the 80s, a drop of 20 to 30 degrees from Monday's high of 108 degrees.

Starting Thursday there is a chance of thunderstorms for Southern Nevada, especially at Lake Mead and in the Spring Mountains. Above 7,000 feet in the mountains, snow flurries could occur, forecasters say.

Warmer and calmer weather should return Monday.

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**Attachment 2 - Las Vegas Sun Newspaper Article – “Fire closes Route 160 between Vegas, Pahrump”
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Fire closes Route 160 between Vegas, Pahrump (UPDATED)

By ***Mary Manning*** · May 21, 2008 · 1:20 PM

Authorities have reopened State Route 160, closed earlier today because of a wind-driven wildfire that burned more than 100 acres, according to the Bureau of Land Management. Firefighters will remain in the area. The two-lane road reopened at 1 p.m., Scott Allison, public information officer for the Clark County Fire Department said.

The BLM closed the two-lane road at State Route 159, a road leading into the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, after the Potosi fire broke out about 1:30 a.m., spokeswoman Kirsten Cannon said.

Interagency firefighters on four engines responded to the flames in dry brush in the south end of the Spring Mountains, Cannon said. More firefighters and equipment have been requested, she said.

No structures are threatened by flames at this time. No injuries to firefighters have been reported, Cannon said. The cause of the blaze is under investigation.

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**Attachment 3 - Las Vegas Review Journal Newspaper
Article - "Winds whip wildfire at Potosi"**

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Winds whip wildfire at Potosi

By LYNNETTE CURTIS

REVIEW-JOURNAL

Winds that gusted up to 40 mph complicated efforts to fully contain a 100-acre wildfire on Mount Potosi that closed a portion of state Route 160 for hours Wednesday, officials said.

"They're really concerned with the winds," Bureau of Land Management spokeswoman Kirsten Cannon said Wednesday afternoon. "It's so windy, it could pick up an ember" and potentially rekindle the fire...

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Attachment 4 - Las Vegas Sun Newspaper Article - "Potosi fire 90 percent contained, but firefighters wary of wind..."

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Potosi fire 90 percent contained, but firefighters wary of wind

By ***Mary Manning*** · May 22, 2008 · 6:30 PM

The 100-acre fire near Mount Potosi, southwest of Las Vegas, is 90 percent contained today, but 100 firefighters remain wary of erratic winds in Southern Nevada.

No injuries have been reported and no structures have been threatened since the fire broke out Wednesday about 1:30 a.m., said Kirsten Cannon of the Bureau of Land Management.

The two-lane State Route 160 between Las Vegas and Pahrump was closed until 1 p.m.

Wednesday until flames had moved toward a rugged mountainous area away from the highway.

The cause of the fire is unknown, Cannon said, but there was no lightning in the area and investigators believe humans caused the blaze, Cannon said. Brush and trees in the area are so dry and the relative humidity in the air is so low that a campfire left unattended, a cigarette tossed off the roadway or a bullet striking a rock and causing a spark could all cause the fire.

The U.S. Forest Service issued fire restrictions for the Spring Mountains, including Mount Charleston, today and they will extend into the autumn months.

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News Release - Dust Advisory Notice**



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For Immediate Release

Wed, May 21, 2008

County Issues Dust Advisory Today High Winds May Raise Dust Today Throughout Evening

Due to expected high winds, Clark County Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management (DAQEM) officials are advising residents and operators of local construction sites of the possibility of blowing dust today and throughout the evening.

At this time, unhealthy levels of dust are not occurring. As part of the county's dust-control program, officials are sending notices to construction sites in the Las Vegas Valley and other outlying areas in the County, asking them to take precautions to prevent blowing dust. DAQEM officials will continue to monitor the situation and will post an alert on the forecast page of the Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management's website section if unhealthy levels of dust actually occur. A link to the forecast page is located on the front page of Clark County's website at www.accessclarkcounty.com.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Under windy conditions, localized or valley-wide areas of blowing dust are likely to occur. Airborne dust is a form of inhalable air pollution called particulate matter, or PM-10, which aggravates respiratory diseases such as bronchitis and asthma. Children, the elderly and people with respiratory diseases are urged to stay indoors during dust storms.

Detailed air quality conditions are posted in the monitoring section of DAQEM's website. You can receive air quality advisories via your pager or e-mail through the county's free Direct Connect service. Subscription information is available on the Public Communications page of the county's website.

Residents are encouraged to call DAQEM's dust-complaint hotline at 385-DUST to report excessive amounts of blowing dust. Officials also recommend the following tips to keep dust down:

- Drive slowly on unpaved roads.
- Don't take short cuts across vacant lots.
- Ride off-road vehicles outside the urban areas of the Las Vegas Valley.
- Fence off barren property or cover it with gravel, rock or desert-friendly landscaping.

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News release also available on the Internet at www.accessclarkcounty.com

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