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# Crews Fight Vegetation Fire in Napa

Fire crews said even after they got the fire knocked down, they would stay on the scene overnight watching for hot spots.



Napa Vegetation fire was fought by the ground and the air.  
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Crews appeared to have the upper hand on a 35-acre vegetation fire in Napa County by nightfall Thursday. Crews said they expected full containment by the end of the night.

The fire was off Soda Canyon Road near the Silverado Trail and was threatening three homes for a time. Anyone who was in the homes at the time of the fire was told to evacuate.

CalFire named the fire "Soda Fire."

There was at least one large home on the top of ridge that appeared to be within a few yards a fire spot in the 5 p.m. hour. Fire trucks could be seen surrounding the home.

The temperature in the area was in the 70s and there were wind gusts of 30 mph which did not help matters, fire crews said.

The fire started around 12:30 p.m. when a controlled burn on private property spread, according to officials.

There were 180 firefighters at the scene of the fire that was burning brush-covered hillsides and flat land. Two helicopters were dropping water on the fire from above and bull dozers turning the ground below to keep the fire from spreading.

The fire was putting up white smoke that could be seen from downtown Yountville. Reporter Christie Smith said she could smell the fire from her home in Hercules.

Firefighters said they would be on the scene throughout the night looking for hot spots.



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