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FIRE WATCH

Hawk hits power lines, sparks blaze in canyon

MIRA MESA: A fire in a Mira Mesa canyon started by a hawk that hit power lines briefly threatened some homes and blackened three acres Sunday.

The fire was reported just before 11 a.m. on Backer Road near Heffner Lane on the north side of Carroll Canyon, a dispatcher with the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department said. Five homes at the top of the canyon were evacuated as a precaution, said fire department spokesman Maurice Luque.

Several crews, as well as Copter 1, responded to the blaze, which burned in some brush in a canyon behind homes.

The flames were extinguished just after noon, Luque said.