



CENTER FIRE

Incident Update

Saturday, March 19, 2011, 8 a.m.

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Fire Information Line: (760) 873-2427

Location: Big Pine area

County: Inyo County

Acres: 1,200 acres

% Containment: 35% contained

Start Date & Time: March 18, 2011, 3:19 p.m.

Expected Containment: Sunday, March 20

Injuries: 1

Structures Destroyed: Estimated 19 residences damaged or destroyed

Cause: Under Investigation

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT ASSIGNED:

Fire Engines: 34

Fire Crews: 21

Bulldozers: 2

Airtankers: 0

Helicopters: 1

Total Personnel: 430

Current Situation: Yesterday the fire grew rapidly as it was fanned by extremely strong winds, but last night and this morning the winds have diminished and the area has received light rain.

Highway 395 is back open in both directions.

Evacuations: Inyo County Sheriff's Office issued mandatory evacuations for the following areas:

- Everything west of West Street in Big Pine

All other evacuations have been lifted.

Evacuation Centers: Big Pine High School and Big Pine Indian Reservation gym.

Cooperating Agencies: Inyo County Sheriff, US Forest Service, CHP, Big Pine Volunteer Fire Department, Lone Pine Volunteer Fire Department, Bishop Volunteer Fire Department, Long Valley Volunteer Fire Department, BLM, CalTrans & DWP

Additional Information: The public can call 760-937-1686 to locate displaced residents.