



# CENTER FIRE

## Incident Update

Saturday, March 19, 2011, 6 p.m.

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**Fire Information Line: (760) 873-2427**

**Location:** Big Pine area

**County:** Inyo County

**Acres:** 850 acres

**% Containment:** 60% contained

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

**Expected Containment:** Sunday, March 20 6pm

**Injuries:** 1

**Structures Destroyed:** Estimated 19 residences damaged or destroyed

**Cause:** Under Investigation

### EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT ASSIGNED:

**Fire Engines:** 36

**Fire Crews:** 19

**Bulldozers:** 2

**Airtankers:** 0

**Helicopters:** 0

**Total Personnel:** 430

**Current Situation:** Firefighters made good progress today in building containment around the fire. Diminished winds and more favorable weather aided in firefighters efforts.

Highway 395 is back open in both directions.

Some hazards and hot spots still exist throughout the burned area. Firefighters and work crews continue to work in the area to make it safe again, but residents and travelers are urged to be cautious in the fire area.

**Evacuations:** The Inyo County Sheriff's Office has lifted all evacuations.

**Evacuation Centers:** Big Pine High School.

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

**Additional Information:** The American Red Cross is offering assistance to the victims whose homes were damaged or destroyed by the fire and will be holding a meeting on Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Big Pine School to discuss disaster assistance.

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