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Incident Update

Sunday, March 20, 2011, 9 a.m.

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Fire Information Line: (760) 873-2427

Location: Big Pine area

County: Inyo County

Acres: 850 acres

% Containment: 75% contained

Start Date & Time: March 18, 2011, 3:18 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 continue to make good progress in building containment around the fire. Rain is expected today over the fire area, which will help firefighters continue their progress in containing the fire.

There is no impact to Highway 395.

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.

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.