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John Fire

Big Pine — The John Fire, which began burning Tuesday afternoon at approximately 1:30 PM, has now burned 2,000 acres and is 15 percent contained. Crews worked throughout the night to contain the fire burning in the Crater Mountain area south of Big Pine. While the fire shows little smoke or flame this morning, there are several hot spots throughout the fire that have the potential to flare up and consume additional acreage. Until the fire is completely surrounded by fire line and additional mop-up has occurred, hot spots are a continued threat for fire activity.

There is no immediate threat to structures in the area, however, an evacuation advisory remains in place for the south-west portion of Big Pine so residents will be prepared to evacuate if the order is given.

Highway 395 is open. Road closures are in effect in the following areas: Crocker Street / Glacier Lodge Road west of West Street; Pole Line Road; and McMurry Meadows Road.

A CodeRED Emergency Notification announcement was made last night to residents in the south-west portion of Big Pine of the evacuation advisory. Additional announcements will be made as new information is received by the Inyo County Sheriff's Dispatch.

The John fire is in unified command with CAL FIRE, California Highway Patrol, Inyo County Sheriff and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. In addition to CAL FIRE, resources from the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service, as well as personnel and equipment from, Big Pine Fire, Bishop Fire, Mammoth Lakes Fire and other local agencies are providing significant assistance in fighting the fire. Total resources on the fire include 31 engines, 25 hand crews, 12 water tenders, 2 dozers, 9 fixed-wing aircraft, 6 helicopters and 38 overhead for a total of 525 personnel.

No injuries to firefighters or civilians have been reported. Cause of the fire is under investigation.

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