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John Fire

Big Pine — The John Fire, which began burning Tuesday afternoon at approximately 1:30 PM, has now burned 3,000 acres and is 65 percent contained.

Crews worked throughout last night, and today to contain the fire burning in the Crater Mountain area south of Big Pine.

There is no immediate threat to structures in the area. The Inyo County Sheriff's Department will be lifting the evacuation advisory at 8:00 PM tonight for the south-west portion of Big Pine.

Highway 395 is open. Road closures for Crocker Street/Glacier Lodge Road west of West Street; Pole Line Road; and McMurry Meadows Road are currently being evaluated with possible open at midnight tonight.

The John fire is a 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. There are currently 366 personnel being utilized.

Cause of the fire is under investigation.

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